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Yokosuka man searches for clues to his American roots Page 3



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Masami Nakamura, 33, holds a picture of the American grandfather he knows only as George, holding Nakamura's young mother and an unidentified child in the late 1940s in Japan. Nakamura is using DNA testing and genealogy Web sites while searching for any mention of his grandfather's name in U.S. government records to try to find out more about George, whom the family believes died in the Korean War. Unfortunately for Nakamura, finding a 60-year-old Army record is difficult, made even more so without a last name.

U.S. seeks balance in nuclear missions

BY KEVIN BARON
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OXON HILL, Md. — To hearty applause, four Air Force generals in charge of the United States' nuclear weapons arsenal proclaimed to a ballroom of their peers last month that their newly reunified command would advocate for a strong and ready stable of nuclear weapons to protect America for decades to come.

One week later, their commander in chief took the gavel of a rare summit-level United Nations Security Council meeting and dedicated the gathering to ridding the world of nuclear weapons, a significant step in a

highly personal mission that recently helped President Barack Obama win a Nobel Peace Prize.

Now the administration must balance the duality of these two renewed missions: the simultaneous need for the Pentagon to modernize and secure America's aging nuclear arsenal as the president lays the groundwork to negotiate those nuclear weapons out of existence.

In the next year, the White House will take up several nuclear-related treaties that would ban testing nuclear weapons and further reduce the thousands of warheads in Russia and the U.S.

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Some troops in Iraq look longingly to Afghanistan

BY MICHAEL GISICK
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COMBAT OUTPOST PALIWODA, Iraq — In many ways, the war in Afghanistan looms over the waning months of the U.S. effort in Iraq, an ironic reversal after years in which attention and resources were diverted here.

The counterinsurgency directives of Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the U.S. commander in Afghanistan, now hang on the walls at some bases in Iraq. Logisticians are busy planning ways to shift at least part

of the massive accumulation of military hardware to Afghanistan.

And as U.S. units increasingly take a hands-off approach in Iraq, troops based in places such as this small outpost north of Baghdad can't help but notice that there's a lot of fighting going on in a country 1,000 miles to the east.

But while many in Iraq see a future deployment to Afghanistan as likely, and some see it as desirable, most say they're content to stay where they are.

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"If they are again in charge for the second round, [election fraud] will happen."

— Homayoun Assefy, Abdullah Abdullah's running mate in the Afghan presidential runoff, on three Independent Election Commission officials whom Assefy accuses of bias and called on to resign

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Iraq: Mission gives some a sense of closure

IRAQ, FROM PAGE 1

"Some of the younger guys say they wish we were in Afghanistan, but you know what they say, be careful what you wish for," said Staff Sgt. Todd Hegeman, 35, from the Bronx, who is on his fourth deployment. "We got it pretty good right here."

For some troops in 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, that might be part of the rub. War isn't supposed to be about city council meetings, and a month into their deployment that's about the extent of the action these troops have seen. Their meals and showers are hot, their trailers are air-conditioned, and most leave the base for patrols only a few times a week and usually for only a few hours at a time.

"Some of the younger guys, they're champing at the bit, wanting to get after it and kick down some doors," said Staff Sgt. Jason Brannan, 31, from Hays, Kan., on his second deployment to Iraq. "But that's not what this trip is about. We have to keep it in check."

Surrounded by veterans of multiple combat tours like Brannan, who served with this unit on its previous deployment to Baghdad during the "surge" in 2007, those yearning for action are largely left to admire the war stories of the veterans.

Not all, however, are inspired to dream of combat — or at least to admit it.

"Me and all my friends are safe here, so what am I gonna complain about?" Pfc. Stephen Michael Powers, 23, of Plymouth, Mass., said from the small air-conditioned trailer he shares with two other soldiers, each ensconced behind his own laptop.

"It's not my dream, but the infantry's not dreamy," added one of Powers' roommates, Spc. Fraizer Etpison, 26, of Palau, who served with the unit during the surge. "We get a lot more sleep this time."

Still, even Brannan acknowledges that Afghanistan would be, in its way, an easier mission.

"Over there, it's not so much about the economics and governance," he said. "We're flexible



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Lt. Col. Eric Timmerman, commander of 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, sits in the back of the room with an interpreter during a city council meeting in Duluiyah, Iraq, on Tuesday. Not long ago, U.S. troops ran such meetings and struggled to build Iraqi attendance and participation. In Iraq, servicemembers are often both frustrated and relieved by their changing roles from warfighters to peace-builders.

enough to do this mission, but it's not what we're trained to do. It's not really what we're good at."

But many also see a sort of closure in this tour, a sense that Iraq is coming around to something like progress.

"On the last tour, I used to go to sleep listening to gunfights, but this trip I haven't heard a single shot," said Sgt. Michael Arnold, 23, of Stillwater, Okla. "Last trip they told us we were here to rebuild Iraq, but I don't think we did a lot of that. This trip we're actually doing it."

Reconstruction projects funded by the Commander's Emergency Response Program remain one of the increasingly few ways for U.S. units to keep a place at the table in a country that seems intent on going its own way. The 4th Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, which includes this battalion, estimates it will spend between \$50 million and \$70 million on projects in Salahuddin province,

roughly the same as the unit it replaced.

This battalion — the "Black Lions" — has partnerships with Iraqi army and police units that number roughly 8,000 personnel, but joint patrols have become rare. Even the erstwhile city council meetings aren't what they used to be.

Three of the battalion's officers stopped by for last week's council meeting in Duluiyah, a small town north of Balad. A couple of years ago, city councils in Iraq were essentially congregations of whomever the Americans could persuade to come and listen to American presentations on, say, the importance of picking up trash.

The councils are still U.S.-appointed bodies that have yet to stand election, but attendance is less a problem. In Duluiyah, the Americans arrived to a full house already under way, sat near the back and said almost nothing.

They spoke only when the council chairman asked if they had a crane that could be used to move a checkpoint. They didn't.

Outside, their convoy of hulking, heavily armored Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles waited in the street. The American officers, keen to be as unobtrusive as possible, worried that the MRAPs caused too much disruption to traffic and said they might consider going back to Humvees if things stay quiet.

Groups of schoolchildren filed past as members of the U.S. contingent hurried to their vehicles. Brannan waved to a group of boys.

Once upon a time, they would have all asked for something. Now, only one boy asked half-heartedly if the American had a soccer ball.

He didn't.

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With only a first name to guide him, one Yokosuka man is determined to trace his U.S. roots

By ERIK SLAVIN
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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Miharu Minami never said much about the American soldier named George.

That didn't stop her grandson from asking about him when he learned, as a teenager growing up in Yokosuka, that George was his grandfather.

Masami Nakamura pleaded with his grandmother for more information, but he never got anywhere. Minami had moved on and married an American sailor years after George left Japan for the Korean War.

Nakamura has inherited the legacy of a generation of thousands of Amerasian children who were born between World War II and the Korean War. Though estimates vary widely on exactly how many there are, they have faced many of the same hardships that Amerasians have faced at least as far back as the 19th century.

Learning about his lineage has been difficult, Nakamura said, because his grandmother didn't want to open old wounds.

Minami would say only that George died in Korea when Nakamura's mother, Mariko, was 2 or 3 years old, around 1951.

Minami died in 1994, leaving behind only a couple of small pictures of George holding Mariko.

Nakamura, 33, who manages Budweiser bar near Yokosuka Naval Base, thought he would never know more about where he came from until he recently began reading about long-lost relatives finding each other through genealogy and veterans Web sites.

With little information to go on, but nothing to lose, Nakamura has spread his photos and tales across those sites in the hope that someone will know George or his relatives.

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Masami Nakamura is using DNA testing, Web sites and the U.S. government to try to find out more about his grandfather, a soldier he believes died in the Korean War.



Courtesy of the Nakamura family

George, an American soldier stationed in Japan during the 1940s, holds his daughter — Nakamura's mother, Mariko — in the late 1940s in the Kyoto area.

SEARCHING FOR GRANDPA GEORGE

"My mom has asthma and she's sick, so I really want to meet George's family. That's why I'm in so much of a hurry."

Masami Nakamura

George's family," Nakamura said. "That's why I'm in so much of a hurry. I want to know my roots for her, too, in case she gets worse."

Unlike Nakamura's mother, many who survived those years were orphaned.

They were also subject to racism

and often considered the product of prostitution. They hid their Western roots when their ethnicity wasn't plainly apparent in their faces.

"It's a tragedy of a larger proportion than a lot of people realize," said Lynnit Brown, who has

interviewed hundreds of Korean War veterans and hosts Koreanwar-educator.org, one of the sites where Nakamura has posted his story.

In some cases, the military made it very difficult to marry Asian women in the years after

World War II and the Korean War, according to Brown's research.

Reams of paperwork, delays that sometimes stretched well past a year and a command approval requirement caused some servicemembers to give up on bringing their girlfriends and children home, Brown said.

Nakamura's quest is a long shot, Brown said. However, she said 750,000 people visited her site last year and, if those trends continue, one of them could conceivably recognize George.

Nakamura has used Koreanwar.org to search pictures of the many Georges who lost their lives in the Korean War. He was also able to identify several Army medical units in Kyoto and western Japan where his grandfather may have served in the mid- to late-1940s.

Unfortunately for Nakamura, finding a 60-year-old Army record is a difficult task made even more so without a last name.

Undeterred, Nakamura has submitted DNA samples to two commercial Web sites offering DNA analysis. However, the only relatives he has found from the United States are 11 generations removed.

Nakamura said he will continue to search for his grandfather's family in as many places as he can. His quest hasn't been entirely fruitless; he said he has learned a lot about the sacrifices made during the Korean War.

When he sees the images of the Korean War, he says, he feels a deep sense of respect. It's a change from the shame taught to many Amerasians of the previous generation.

"I'm really proud that my grandfather was an American soldier in the Korean War," Nakamura said.

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Army waives uniform policy for Sikh physician

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The Army has allowed a Sikh Army doctor to keep his turban and beard after an outcry by a Sikh advocacy group.

If he is transferred to another command or deploys, he'll have to apply for another waiver from the Army's uniform policy, Army spokesman Lt. Col. Chris Garver said.

"This accommodation does not constitute a blanket accommodation for any other individual; as each request must be evaluated based on its own unique facts and individual circumstances," Army Maj. Gen. Gina S. Farrisee wrote in a letter to the soldier. Farrisee is the acting deputy chief of staff.

The Sikh religion requires men to wear turbans and beards and keep their hair unshorn. To Sikhs, cutting one's hair is as serious an offense as adultery.

When Capt. Kamajleet Singh Kalsi joined the Army during medical school, his recruiter told him his religious beliefs would not pose a problem.

But as he neared the end of his medical training, he was told he may have to lose his turban and beard. He asked for an exemption from the Army Graduate Medical



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Capt. Kamajleet Singh Kalsi

Education Office, but he was denied after he wrote to the office in December.

In April, Kalsi applied for a "request for religious accommodation" through his chain of command, and he learned Friday it had been granted by the Army, said his attorney, Amandeep Sidhu.

"This is a victory and it's one we applaud

the Army for making, but at the same time we look at a general policy that doesn't currently allow Sikhs to freely serve — to walk up to a recruiting office and be able to enlist without going through the hoops that our client had to go through," Sidhu said Friday.

Sidhu said his law firm was approached

about Kalsi's case by the Sikh Coalition, an advocacy group formed after two Sikhs were attacked in retaliation for the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"I am overjoyed by the Army's decision to allow me to serve my country," Kalsi said in a Sikh Coalition news release. "Like the many Sikhs who fought before me, I know I will serve America with honor and excellence."

The Sikh Coalition held a protest in April at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial against the Army's policy that prevents Sikh soldiers from wearing turbans and having beards.

The group also filed a formal complaint with the Army and Defense Department inspectors general on behalf of Kalsi and 2nd Lt. Tajdeep Singh Rattan, a reservist training to be an Army dentist who is also seeking an exception to the Army's policy on turbans and beards.

"I am willing to lay down my life for America. In return, I ask only that my country respect my faith," Rattan said in April. "My turban and beard are not an option — they are in intrinsic part of me."

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Missions: U.S. blends nuke diplomacy, deterrence

MISSIONS, FROM PAGE 1

"Now is the time for fresh views on the role of the U.S. nuclear weapons arsenal," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said during a speech Wednesday at the U.S. Institute of Peace. "We can't afford to continue relying on recycled Cold War thinking."

Obama's difficult sell

For now, Obama carries a difficult diplomatic message to the world stage, demanding countries end their own nuclear ambitions while the U.S. is keeping and modernizing its own massive arsenal — and in fact just created the 23,000-person Global Strike Command to oversee it all.

Indeed, Defense Secretary Robert Gates has called for new nuclear weapons designs the military says would be smaller, safer and more efficient for deterrence, eliminating the need for maintaining large numbers of warheads.

"It's a hard sell when you're talking to the Iranians or North Koreans or Chinese or others about why they shouldn't be developing even a tiny number of primitive nuclear weapons," said Richard K. Betts, director of the Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies at Columbia University. "That's going to be the biggest political problem for the civilian leadership in the Obama administration."

Obama envisioned a nuclear-free world long before he set foot in the Oval Office. He promoted the idea in his Senate campaign speeches, and once in Washington he was sought after by Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., and the late Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., two of the leading proponents of nuclear nonproliferation.

"Obama had the interest and the focus on this, similar to Senator Lugar's, that nonproliferation is an existential issue to our country and to the world and requires presidential focus," said Lugar spokesman Andy Fischer, who traveled to the former Soviet Union on a nuclear site tour with Obama and Lugar in 2005.

Less than three months into his presidency, Obama went to the Cold War's geographic center to call on world leaders to refocus their attention on nuclear weapons in what is now known as "the Prague speech."

"So today, I state clearly and with conviction America's commitment to seek the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons," Obama said in April.

Anticipating the coming opposition, Obama added: "We will reduce the role of nuclear weapons in our national security strategy and urge others to do the same. Make no mistake: As long as these weapons exist, the United States will maintain a safe, secure and effective arsenal to deter any adversary."

It is hard to avoid the mixed message. "This has raised a bit of an issue because the question is sort of: What does 'reduce role' mean?" Mike Gerson, a deterrence policy adviser to the U.S. Navy, said at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington last month. "It's not quite clear."

That, Fischer said, is the Catch-22 of nuclear arms reduction.

"The realism is that you cannot do that unilaterally and you cannot do that without having a proper defense of our own nation, and other nations see it the same way. So the point has always been to do as much as you can," Fischer said.

The White House seems to be trying to live up to that mantra.

In July, the president traveled to Moscow and with Russian President Dmitri Medvedev signed an agreement to cut warheads and missiles by at least 25 percent. Obama called it an "urgent issue."

That visit was followed by the rare Secu-



Above: President Barack Obama serves as the chairman of the United Nations Security Council Summit on nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament in September.



Left: Defense Secretary Gates speaks at the 2009 Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center just outside Washington on Sept. 16.

ABOVE: ERIN SIEGAL/Courtesy of the United Nations; **Left:** Courtesy of Chris Cross Photography

has essentially spiked a program intended to devise replacement warheads. A report on the topic by the Congressional Research Service published in July cited a decade-old independent study that argued: "There is no such thing as a 'design life.' The designers were not asked or permitted to design a nuclear weapon that would go bad after 20 years."

At the Pentagon, all things nuclear are under review in a departmentwide assessment that will set policy and strategy for the next five to 10 years, due at the end of this year.

Defense leaders say their plan, costing billions per year, is necessary to deter nuclear strikes against the U.S. and maintain an aging arsenal of bombers and missiles.

It's also a reaction to a series of embarrassing incidents, including an unauthorized 2007 flight of nuclear-armed weapons across the continental U.S., five failed inspections in 2008, and two failed inspections this year.

Gates demanded accountability, and in response the Air Force created the new Global Strike Command, a massive effort to reunify 23,000 nuclear-related jobs that had been divided among various commands.

"For about 15 years, we told officers, 'You need to become broader and knowledgeable of "space" and knowledgeable of "nuclear" and competent at all.' And the reality is, we asked too much. People need to be experts at what they do, and that's what we're developing today," said Maj. Gen. Roger W. Burg, who commands the 20th Air Force, the ICBM fleet and Space Command, at the conference.

Control of intercontinental ballistic missiles will shift under the new command

Dec. 1, followed in February by the bombers equipped to carry nuclear weapons. Additionally, the Air Force is "just about finished" with a \$6.2 billion effort to extend the life of the nuclear arsenal, Burg said.

Air Force Secretary Michael B. Donley has approved an additional \$750 million in each of the next five years toward steps such as activating a fourth group of long-range B-51 bombers, staffing 2,500 new uniformed positions, including a next generation of scientists, and taking inventory of every bolt in the nuclear equipment stream.

In the past year, the Air Force has accounted for about 94 percent of that material, more than 120,000 parts, according to Brig. Gen. Everett H. Thomas, commander of the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico. Some of those parts are nearly 40 years old, he said.

With those new measures in full swing, the Air Force's nuclear command leaders last month assured their rank and file they were ready to carry on their mission full-throated.

Maj. Gen. Floyd L. Carpenter, commander of the 8th Air Force, tasked with delivering nuclear weapons, said everyone was excited up and down his chain of command because the Global Strike Command will be a force "advocating for the nuclear mission."

"I think the biggest challenge is not in the personnel. It's not in the aging system. It's in the commitment to the mission," he said. "That is where our challenge is, making sure that we stay committed to this mission for the next 15 years."

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An Afghan policeman mans a machine gun at a checkpoint in Kabul on Saturday. Taliban fighters warned Afghans not to take part in the country's upcoming presidential runoff and threatened a fresh wave of violence to disrupt the voting.

Taliban threaten Afghan voters

Voters in presidential runoff will 'bear responsibility,' insurgents warn

By AMIR SHAH
AND TODD PITMAN
The Associated Press

KABUL — Taliban fighters warned Afghans not to take part in the war-racked country's upcoming presidential runoff, threatening Saturday to launch a fresh wave of violence on polling day to stop them.

The warnings came on the first official day of campaigning for the Nov. 7 vote. The insurgents denounced the race between President Hamid Karzai and challenger Abdullah Abdullah as "a failed, American process" and said its fighters would "launch operations against the enemy and stop people from taking part."

The statement said Taliban militants will also cut off key roads and highways and warned that anyone who casts a ballot "will bear responsibility for their

actions."

Taliban fighters killed dozens of civilians during the first round of voting Aug. 20, barraging several southern cities with rocket fire and cutting off the ink-stained fingers of at least two people who cast ballots in the militant-dominated south.

Attacks and fighting have continued amid the electoral crisis. On Saturday, NATO forces announced that two Americans and one servicemember whose nationality was withheld died in attacks in the south.

Meanwhile, U.S. troops killed four civilians when they fired on a van approaching their convoy on the main highway in southern Kandahar province, according to provincial officials and the U.S. military.

The dead included two women and one child, Kandahar's governor said in a statement. Four oth-

ers were wounded, the statement said. The troops "tried repeatedly to signal the fast-approaching vehicle with passive measures but, fearing for their safety, fired on the vehicle," U.S. military spokesman Lt. j.g. Tommy Groves said.

Groves said the incident was being investigated.

A spokesman for Karzai said his campaign is concerned about a spike in violence during the runoff vote, but he said there is no other legal option and ruled out any sort of negotiated power-sharing deal.

"The only legal way to have a legitimate future government is to have elections," Waheed Omar said. "In our view that is the only constitutional way of putting an end to the current crisis."

Omar said there is some hope of avoiding a repeat of the violence that marred the August vote, noting assurances from Af-

ghan and international forces that they can provide enough security. He called on the insurgents to let the election go forward without attacks "for the sake of this country."

As campaigning began Saturday, several senior Abdullah campaign officials accused the top three members of Afghanistan's Independent Election Commission of bias, saying they should be replaced to ensure the country's upcoming runoff is fair. A spokesman for the commission rejected the call.

Abdullah's running mate, Homayoun Assefy, said the three were "openly working for Mr. Karzai" and should resign.

"If they are again in charge for the second round, the same thing will happen," Assefy said, referring to the fraud. "If the second round is also controversial, then the result will not be good."

Iraqi court seeks arrest of lawmaker

By BUSHRA JUHI
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A local criminal court in Iraq's Diyala province issued an arrest warrant for a Sunni member of parliament on suspicion of financing and inciting sectarian violence, a security official in the northeastern province said Saturday.

The security official said the warrants for parliamentarian Tayseer al-Mashhadani and her husband, Hashim al-Hiyali, were issued on Thursday.

A man in police detention told his interrogators the couple gave him instructions and money to kill and expel Shiites from the religiously mixed province, the official said.



al-Mashhadani

The official said al-Mashhadani cannot be immediately arrested because she enjoys parliamentary immunity.

The judge, Thamir al-Ambaki, who issued the warrants on Thursday, has requested parliament to lift her immunity to facilitate her arrest on suspicion of "ordering and funding terrorist operations," the security official added.

Along with Baghdad, Diyala was the scene of much of the massive sectarian violence between Sunnis and Shiites that brought Iraq to the brink of civil war in 2006.

Al-Mashhadani and her husband are both members of the Iraqi Islamic Party that along with several other political parties forms the Accordance Front, the largest Sunni block in the parliament.

The block has 44 members in the 275-seat legislature.

The director of Accordance Front's media office in Baghdad, Omar al-Mashhadani, confirmed the arrests warrants were issued, but denied any wrongdoing by the couple.

"This warrant against her and her husband is politically motivated," he said Saturday. "It is all because the election time is getting closer."

He is no relation to the wanted parliamentarian.

Iraq's parliamentary election is scheduled for Jan. 16 although lawmakers have yet to pass key legislation that will govern the crucial nationwide vote.

Meanwhile, in Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad, a suicide bomber wearing an explosive vest killed two people outside the offices of a Sunni political party called National Unity. Four employees working at the party's offices were also injured, police and medical officials said.

All the officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

White House considers a combined strategy in Afghanistan

Stars and Stripes

The White House is considering a strategy for Afghanistan that combines elements of the counterterrorism approach advocated by Vice President Joe Biden and the counterinsurgency strategy proposed by Gen. Stanley McChrystal, The Wall Street Journal reported Saturday.

The move appears to rebuff the notion of keeping troop levels level at 68,000, according to the newspaper.

Administration officials are weighing whether to send 10,000 or 20,000 extra troops to train Afghan security forces, or whether to

grant McChrystal's request for 40,000 additional troops, the Journal reported.

The strategy under consideration would focus on winning support from Afghanistan while using helicopters and unmanned aerial drones to target al-Qaida, the newspaper reported.

This approach would mirror the Iraq "surge," in which conventional troops gathered intelligence on local insurgent leaders, who were taken out by Special Operations Forces, according to the newspaper.

Meanwhile, NATO allies have expressed support for McChrystal's counterinsurgency

strategy and have indicated they may increase their military and civilian commitment to Afghanistan.

Kai Eide, the top United Nations diplomat to Afghanistan, said on Friday that he believed more troops are needed in Afghanistan.

"You cannot separate counterterrorism from counterinsurgency," NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said Friday.

"Ministers agree that it does not solve the problems in Afghanistan just to hunt down and kill individual terrorists. What we need is a much broader strategy."

IN THE WORLD

Pakistani soldiers capture key town

By ASIF SHAHZAD
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Soldiers took back the strategically located hometown of Pakistan's Taliban chief Saturday after fierce fighting, officials said, the army's first major prize as it pushes deeper into a militant stronghold along the Afghan border.

A suspected U.S. missile killed 22 people elsewhere in the northwest, but apparently missed a top Taliban figure, authorities said.

Pakistan's 8-day-old offensive in the Taliban and al-Qaida stronghold of South Waziristan is considered its most critical test yet in the campaign to stop the spread of violent Islamist extremism in this nuclear-armed, U.S.-allied country. The army operation has prompted a wave of retaliatory attacks by militants this month that have killed some 200 people.

The battle for Kotkai town took several days and involved aerial bombardment as soldiers captured heights around the town. Army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas said troops were now riding the town of land mines and roadside bombs planted by the insurgents.

Kotkai is symbolically important because it is the hometown of Pakistani Taliban chief Hakimullah Mehsud and one of his top deputies, Qari Hussain. It also lies along the way to the major militant base of Sararogha, making it a strategically helpful catch.

"Thank God, this is the army's very big success," Abbas said. "The good news is that (communications) intercepts show that there are differences forging among the Taliban ranks. Their



B.K. BANGASH/AP

Pakistani people who fled fighting between security forces and militants in South Waziristan wait for food relief in the suburb of Dera Ismail Khan, Pakistan, on Saturday. The same day, the army took back the town of Kotkai from the Taliban, after losing the area to militants on Tuesday.

aides are deserting them."

Pakistan is under intense international pressure to clear its tribal areas of insurgents, many of whom are blamed for attacks on U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan.

The army said Saturday that three more soldiers had died, putting the army's death toll at 23, and 21 more militants had been killed, putting their overall death toll at 163. The U.N. says some 155,000 civilians have fled the region.

A missile strike hit a hide-out of the militants in Chuhatra village

in Bajur region that included a tunnel, local government official Mohammad Jamil said. The target appeared to be Faqir Mohammad, a prominent Taliban leader, but he is believed to have escaped, Jamil said. Most of the 22 killed were Afghan nationals, he said.

Pakistan formally protests the missile strikes, saying they violate its sovereignty and raise sympathy for the Taliban, while the U.S. rarely discusses the attacks. Analysts believe the two sides have a secret deal allowing the strikes.

The U.S. has shown no sign of

easing the drone-fired attacks even when Pakistan is waging its own fight in the tribal areas. Asked if the missile attacks are a distraction or help, the army spokesman said Pakistan would prefer to go it alone.

"We do not want any assistance or interference from outside," Abbas said.

Hours after the missile strike, a Pakistani military helicopter crashed in the Bajur tribal region, killing three officials, the army said, adding that the crash was an accident, not caused by any militant attacks.

Germany forms new ruling coalition

BERLIN — German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Saturday announced a new center-right government with the Free Democrats, saying the coalition will "bravely solve the problems that are lying ahead of us."

She detailed some of the cornerstone measures in her new government's platform, including an overhaul of the country's health care system, an increase in child subsidies and future tax cuts.

Merkel's Christian Democrats, their Bavarian-only sister party, Christian Social Union, and the pro-business Free Democrats came to a coalition agreement after nearly four weeks of negotiations following the Sept. 27 election.

Guido Westerwelle, the leader of the Free Democrats, said at a joint news conference that the coalition agreement was "a great compass for our country."

Israel will discipline soldiers for protest

JERUSALEM — Embarrassed by what it called "a disgraceful disciplinary aberration," the Israeli military announced Friday it would take action against a group of soldiers who staged a pro-settler demonstration during their swearing-in ceremony at Jerusalem's Western Wall.

Thursday's protest reflected fears by right-wing nationalists that the conservative-led government would eventually yield to U.S. pressure to negotiate an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement and evict Jewish settlers from the West Bank.

The young soldiers, who were being sworn in to an elite infantry brigade, held up banners declaring their refusal to obey orders to enforce any such decision.

Saudi woman convicted for sex talk on TV show

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A Saudi court on Saturday convicted a female journalist for her involvement in a TV show in which a Saudi man publicly talked about sex, and sentenced her to 60 lashes.

Rozanna al-Yami is believed to be the first Saudi female journalist to be given such a punishment. The charges against her included involvement in the preparation of the program and advertising the segment on the Internet.

Stalled storm Lupit spares the Philippines

MANILA, Philippines — Tropical Storm Lupit drifted away from the Philippines on Saturday after a week of zigzagging across the rain-soaked north, allowing residents who had been evacuated to return to their homes.

The erratic direction of Lupit — meaning "cruel" in Filipino — had baffled forecasters. The typhoon was expected to ram into northeastern Cagayan province Friday but weakened into a tropical storm and stayed offshore.

It was the third successive storm in a month to threaten the region.

From wire reports

Israel wary of Iran's nuclear intentions

By EDITH M. LEDERER
The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Israel is concerned that Iran will use the current climate of international goodwill as a cover to pursue its goal of becoming a nuclear power, an Israeli minister said Friday.

Vice Prime Minister Silvan Shalom made the comment on the day Iran announced it was still studying a U.N.-drafted plan to ship much of its uranium to Russia and France for further enrichment, a move seen as a way to delay the country's ability to build a nuclear weapon. Iran's envoy to the U.N. nuclear agency said the government will respond to the offer this week.

Shalom, who is also the minister for regional development, said he discussed Iran's nuclear ambitions with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon during a discussion that also included Israeli-Palestinian peace prospects and Lebanon.

"I told the secretary-general that we were very concerned that Iran will use the goodwill of the international community to continue to develop their real intentions — and it is toward nuclear power on the one end but on the other end to try to change the types of the regimes within the Middle East," he said.

The six world powers trying to ensure that

Iran's nuclear program remains peaceful held talks earlier this month with Iranian diplomats, despite a spike in tensions over September's revelations by Iran that it had been secretly building a new uranium enrichment plant near the holy city of Qom.

The meeting — and tentative agreement on the plan to ship out much of Iran's low-enriched uranium — indicated a willingness on both sides to talk.

But Israel, which has been threatened with annihilation by Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, is clearly unhappy.

"We believe that Iran will never abandon their dream to become a nuclear power," Shalom said. "They hid their real intentions in the past, and they will do it in the future."

He singled out the recent disclosure about the nuclear facility at Qom.

"We know about many other things that they are trying to do," he said. "They are trying to buy all the items that are needed in order to develop nuclear power. They are doing it while they are always lying about ... their real intentions."

The Vienna-brokered plan would require Iran to send 1.2 tons of low-enriched uranium — around 70 percent of its stockpile — to Russia in one batch by the end of the year for further enrichment and then to France to be converted into fuel rods, French Foreign

Ministry spokesman Bernard Valero said Thursday. Those fuel rods would be returned for use in a research reactor in Tehran.

Shalom expressed concern about what Iran would do before the date the uranium would be sent to Russia, which he said was Jan. 15.

"We are very concerned from the possibility that Iran will try once again to develop its nuclear power while there is no inspection, or inspectors, or supervision of the international community," he said.

Israel is widely believed to possess nuclear weapons though the government has never confirmed it is a nuclear power, and Shalom was asked whether Israel would agree to making the Middle East a nuclear weapon-free zone.

"We are in a situation where we have to protect ourselves from those who are trying to kill us," he replied.

"If Iran will abandon its dream to have ... nuclear power, it will bring more stability to the region because first and foremost those who are very, very concerned are Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Turkey," he added.

Shalom accused the Iranians of "trying to undermine the regimes of the moderate Arab countries," citing the discovery of "a terrorist cell" of Hezbollah militants, backed by Iran, in Egypt a few months ago.

AP

Indonesia sits above a series of fault lines that make the vast island nation one of the most earthquake-prone places in the world. A massive quake off the coast of Indonesia's Aceh province caused the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami that killed 230,000 people — half of the victims on Sumatra island.

S. Korea firm on summit agenda

BY KWANG-TAE KIM
The Associated Press

SEOUL — A summit between the two Koreas should help resolve the dispute over North Korea's nuclear programs, a South Korea official said Saturday, as a negotiator for the North arrived in the U.S. in likely pursuit of bilateral talks with Washington.

The North's No. 2 nuclear negotiator, Ri Gun, could meet with chief U.S. nuclear negotiator Sung Kim in New York over the weekend to discuss bilateral talks, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported, citing an unidentified diplomatic source.

The U.S. says it is willing to have direct talks with the North if it leads to resumption of six-party talks that also include South Korea, China, Russia and Japan.

Asked whether Ri could meet with Kim or any other U.S. official before a security forum in San Diego, State Department spokesman Ian Kelly told reporters Friday, "I don't have anything to announce about that, but I cer-

tainly wouldn't exclude it."

The North's reported push for a summit with the South and talks with Washington is part of a series of conciliatory moves by the regime in recent months after escalating tensions with nuclear and missile tests.

Analysts have said the moves show North Korea feels the pain of U.N. sanctions following its May nuclear test.

South Korea's largest television network KBS reported Thursday night that a senior South Korean official met with the North's spy chief, Kim Yang Gon, in Singapore last week and talked about a possible meeting between North Korean leader Kim Jong Il and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak.

North Korea first asked for the meeting, but the talks ended without agreement as the South demanded that the reclusive Kim visit the South, and the North balked at the demand citing security concerns, the report said. It cited an unidentified South Korean official.

North Korea's No. 2 nuclear negotiator, Ri Gun, may meet with chief U.S. nuclear negotiator in New York City during a U.S. tour. Bilateral talks could be on the agenda.

Officials, including the South's Unification Minister Hyun In-taek, declined to confirm the reports. But Hyun said Friday that progress in international efforts to rid North Korea of its nuclear weapons programs is key to a summit with the North.

"Our government's position remains unchanged that we would not hold a meeting for meeting's sake," Lee Dong-kwan, senior presidential secretary for public relations, said Saturday in comments posted on South Korea's

presidential Web site.

He said a summit “should be helpful to progress in the resolution of North Korea’s nuclear issue,” noting there won’t be any behind-the-scenes negotiations or contract with North Korea over a summit.

North Korea's Kim has held summits with the South twice: the first in 2000 with the South's then-President Kim Dae-jung and the other in 2007 with then-President Roh Moo-hyun.

Relations between the two Koreas frayed badly after the more conservative Lee took office early last year. But Lee has said he is willing to meet with Kim Jong Il at any time, but that any such summit should tackle the North Korean nuclear issue.

North Korea pulled out of the six-party disarmament talks in April, but Kim Jong Il said earlier this month that the North could rejoin them depending on progress in its possible one-on-one negotiations with the U.S.

Asian leaders urge fair elections in Myanmar

The Associated Press

CHA-AM, Thailand — South-east Asian leaders, having launched the region's first human rights watchdog, called Saturday on military-ruled Myanmar to conduct free and fair elections next year but refrained from criticizing one of the world's worst human rights offenders.

Activists criticized the annual summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations for taking an even softer line on Myanmar than in the past and ignoring growing demands to press for the release of detained democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

A statement from the leaders did not mention Suu Kyi, sparing the junta a public scolding. It only “underscored the importance of achieving national reconciliation and that the general elections to be held in Myanmar in 2010 must be conducted in a fair, free, inclusive and transparent manner in order to be credible to the international community.”

When the three-day summit opened Friday, the bloc unveiled the region's first human rights commission, but it was immediately derided as toothless by activists who pointed out that its mandate did not extend to prosecution of violators like Myanmar, an ASEAN member. The activists



VIJAY VERMA, PTI/AF

Government leaders join hands at the 7th ASEAN-India Summit in Hua Hin, Thailand, on Saturday. The southeast Asian chiefs launched a regional human rights watchdog, urging fair elections in Myanmar.

were also angered by the exclusion of several members of civil society from the summit.

"ASEAN no longer feels under pressure from the United States and European Union and as a result is softening its approach," said Mark Farmaner, director of Burma Campaign UK.

The leaders' statement also

urged North Korea to return to six-party talks aimed at halting Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program, and stressed the need to continue domestic stimulus packages to ensure sustained recovery from the global economic crisis.

Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama delivered a strong condemnation of North Korea.

delegation spokesman Kazuo Kodama said.

"Japan cannot tolerate nuclear and ballistic missile development by North Korea," Kodama quoted the prime minister as saying. "In order to ensure peace and stability in the region, we must have comprehensive agreement. I urge you to close ranks with me."



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IN THE STATES

Pilot: Missed landing not ‘serious’

By STEVE KARNOWSKI
AND BRAD CAIN
The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The first officer of the Northwest Airlines jet that missed its destination by 150 miles says there was no fight in the cockpit, neither he nor the captain had fallen asleep and the passengers were not in danger.

But in an interview with The Associated Press two days after he and a colleague blew past their destination, pilot Richard Cole would not say just what it was that led to them to forget to land Flight 188.

“It was not a serious event, from a safety issue,” Cole said in front of his Salem, Ore., home. “I would tell you more, but I’ve already told you way too much.”

Air traffic controllers and pilots tried for more than an hour Wednesday night to contact Cole and the flight’s captain, Timothy B. Cheney, of Gig Harbor, Wash., using radio, cell phone and data messages. On the ground, concerned officials alerted National Guard jets to prepare to chase the airliner from two locations, though none of the military planes left the runway.

White House spokesman Nick Shapiro said Saturday that senior White House officials were alerted



JIM MONE/AP

by the White House Situation Room and they closely monitored the incident.

A police report released Friday said the pilots passed breathalyzer tests after the flight. The report also said the crew indicated they had been having a heated discussion about airline policy.

But aviation safety experts and

other pilots said the most likely possibility is that the pilots simply fell asleep.

NTSB spokesman Keith Hollaway said fatigue and cockpit distraction will be looked into. The plane’s recorders were brought to the board’s headquarters.

“It certainly is a plausible explanation,” said Bill Voss, president



KEVIN WOLF/AP

Left: A Northwest Airlines jet speeds down the runway before take off at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport on Friday. Investigators looking into pilots who overflew the airport by 150 miles before realizing their error will be listening to flight 188’s Cockpit Voice Recorder, above, as part of their inquiry.

of the Flight Safety Foundation in Alexandria, Va.

Unfortunately, the cockpit voice recorder might not tell the tale.

New recorders retain as much as two hours of cockpit conversation and other noise, but the older model aboard Northwest’s Flight 188 includes just the last 30 minutes — only the portion when the pilots had realized their error over Wisconsin and were heading back to Minneapolis.

Cockpit naps not surprising, officials report

Los Angeles Times

White-knuckle airline passengers who are shaken by news that two Northwest Airline pilots are under investigation for overshooting a Minneapolis airport after possibly nodding off, won’t want to hear this: Some pilots say cockpit catnaps happen.

“Pilots on occasion do take controlled naps,” said Barry Schiff, an aviation safety consultant and retired pilot for erstwhile TWA.

Although the Federal Aviation Administration prohibits pilots from snoozing in the cockpit, several airline pilots say they are surprised such napping mishaps haven’t happened more often, considering longer work schedules for pilots and innovations that make planes easier to fly.

If investigators conclude that the Northwest pilots of flight 188, which overshot the Minneapolis airport last week, were snoozing, several current and retired pilots said it wouldn’t be a surprise.

“Fatigue is a real problem,” said Sam Mayer, an American Airlines pilot and spokesman for the Allied Pilots Association. “I don’t know what happened (in Minneapolis), but I wouldn’t be surprised if they were asleep.”

Missing girl’s body found; police charge unnamed teen



STEPHEN BROOKS, JEFFERSON CITY (Mo.) NEWS TRIBUNE/AP

Stacy Minze and others search a field for 9-year-old Elizabeth Olten on Friday in St. Martins, Mo. Police say they found the body of the missing girl and have charged a 15-year-old suspect with first-degree murder in her death.

The Associated Press

ST. MARTINS, Mo. — The body of a missing 9-year-old girl was found in a wooded area in St. Martins, Mo., on Friday, two days after she was last seen walking from a neighbor’s home, police said.

Police said Elizabeth Olten’s body was found just before 3 p.m.

Cole County Juvenile Court Administrator Michael Couty said Saturday that a 15-year-old is being charged with first-degree murder in the death. Police did not release the teen’s gender or name.

Elizabeth’s body was found two days after she went missing after the suspect led police to a wooded area near her home west of Jefferson City.

County Sheriff Greg White said Saturday that the girl was found in an area that had previously been searched but she had been “very well concealed.”

White said Elizabeth was acquainted with the suspect but declined to elaborate. Elizabeth,



Olten

of St. Martins, was last seen when she started walking home from a neighbor’s house Wednesday evening, police said.

White said he had spoken with Elizabeth’s mother and said the family is “deeply grieving.”

Some of her family members had spent Friday making buttons with Elizabeth’s photo before learning of her death.

“She was a wonderful, happy, shy child. I never saw her argue with her mother, her sister or anyone,” said Liza Adrian, the sister-in-law of Elizabeth’s sister, who spoke on behalf of the family at a Friday night news conference.

Earlier Friday, about 70 people had searched for Elizabeth on

horseback, with all-terrain vehicles and on foot while another 70 investigators checked leads, White said. Several hundred people had joined the search Thursday in steady rain and rough terrain.

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President Barack Obama, campaigning with Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., right, meets with employees of Eastern Land Management Inc., in Stamford, Conn., prior to a Dodd fundraiser on Friday.

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Obama urges more lending

President says banks need to return favor for bailout

By ALAN FRAM
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Banks should return the favor they received in their recent taxpayer-financed bailout by lending more money to small businesses, President Barack Obama said Saturday.

In his weekly radio and Internet address, Obama said too many small business owners remain unable to get credit despite administration steps to jumpstart lending, which was virtually frozen when the financial crisis took hold last year.

"These are the very taxpayers

who stood by America's banks in a crisis, and now it's time for our banks to stand by creditworthy small businesses and make the loans they need to open their doors, grow their operations and create new jobs," Obama said.

"It's time for those banks to fulfill their responsibility to help ensure a wider recovery, a more secure system and more broadly shared prosperity," said Obama.

The president said the administration will "take every appropriate step to encourage them to meet those responsibilities." He did not specify what those steps might be.

Meanwhile, Obama declared

the swine flu outbreak a national emergency.

The White House said Obama signed a proclamation Friday that would allow medical officials to bypass certain federal requirements. Officials described the move as similar to a declaration ahead of a hurricane making landfall.

Swine flu is more widespread now than it's ever been and has resulted in more than 1,000 U.S. deaths so far.

Health authorities say almost 100 children have died from the flu, known as H1N1, and 46 states now have widespread flu activity.

Man who hid Iraq employment gets 15 months

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — A Canadian man has been sentenced to 15 months in prison for not disclosing his work for Saddam Hussein's government when applying for permanent residency in the United States.

Mouyad Mahmoud Darwish, 48, a Canadian citizen born in

Iraq, was sentenced in U.S. District Court on Friday for making a false statement regarding an immigration matter.

According to the plea agreement, the owner of a Laurel, Md., kebab restaurant arranged Darwish's employment at the Iraqi Interests Section within the Algerian Embassy and applied for a visa for Darwish to work

at the restaurant. But neither man disclosed Darwish's work for the Iraqi government on visa applications.

The restaurant owner, Saubhe Jassim Al-Delémy, 68, pleaded guilty to conspiring to act as an agent of a foreign government and faces up to five years in prison at sentencing in February.

U.S. envoy claims good rapport with Afghanistan

By PAUL RICHTER
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The U.S. senior envoy to Afghanistan and Pakistan sought Friday to dispel suggestions that he had been sidelined during last week's dramatic U.S. diplomacy in Afghanistan because of his stormy relationship with Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke acknowledged that he had been in Washington, rather than Kabul, last weekend as Sen. John F. Kerry, D-Mass., and other senior U.S. officials successfully pressured Karzai to agree to a runoff presidential election.

But Holbrooke, in a State Department news conference, said he had remained in Washington to take part in intensifying administration deliberations on whether to overhaul the U.S. strategy and send thousands more troops to Afghanistan.

"My job was to be here to help staff (Secretary of State Hillary Rodham) Clinton and prepare for these extensive meetings in which she and I both participate," he said.

He described the deliberations, which are expected to reach their climax within a few weeks, as "the most intense" of his career.

Holbrooke is known as a hard charger who is prone to stepping on the toes of foreign diplomats and American colleagues to get his job done. He is best known for



Holbrooke

the 1995 negotiations that ended the civil war in Bosnia.

U.S. and Afghan officials say his relationship with Karzai has, at times, been tempestuous, including in the immediate aftermath of the country's problematic Aug. 20 disputed presidential election.

One senior Western diplomat said last month that Karzai viewed Holbrooke as "the devil," but noted that the mercurial president has been suspicious of other U.S. officials, including Vice President Joe Biden.

Holbrooke said his relations with Karzai are "fine, they're correct, they're appropriate." If Karzai is re-elected in the Nov. 7 runoff "we all look forward to working closely with him in pursuit of common goals," he said.

Holbrooke has come in for some quiet criticism from Pentagon officials, who believe that in his role as a super ambassador, he too often has overruled military and civilian subordinates.

Last weekend, Kerry, who is chairman of the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee, spent nearly 20 hours in meetings in Kabul persuading Karzai to accept a runoff. This unusual role for Kerry — who in the past expressed an interest in becoming secretary of state — drew wide comment in Washington.

U.S. officials have insisted that reports of strains within the administration are inaccurate. One White House official described them last month as "pretty silly." A State Department official noted Friday that Kerry was well-suited to carry the administration's message to Karzai as a leader of the legislative branch, which may be writing the checks coveted by the Afghan government.

Health care reform estimates mounting

WASHINGTON — Health care legislation taking shape in the House carries a price tag of at least \$1 trillion over a decade, significantly higher than the target President Barack Obama has set, congressional officials said Friday as they struggled to finish work on the measure for a vote early next month.

Democrats have touted an unreleased Congressional Budget Office estimate of \$871 billion, a total that numerous officials acknowledge understates the bill's cost by \$150 billion or more.

Last month, Obama said in a nationally televised address before a joint session of Congress that he preferred a package with a price tag of about \$900 billion.

EPA: Emissions law to boost energy bills \$100

WASHINGTON — An analysis by the Environmental Protection Agency says a proposed Senate bill to combat global warming would add about \$100 a year to a typical household's energy costs.

The analysis released late Friday by the office of Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., generally mirrors the cost projected by the

EPA when it examined similar legislation passed last summer by the House.

The bill calls for cutting greenhouse gases from power plants and large industrial facilities by shifting energy use away from fossil fuels, especially coal. It would cap emissions and allow trading of pollution allowances.

Stricter Okla. abortion procedures stalled

OKLAHOMA CITY — Abortion rights supporters have challenged two new Oklahoma laws that would force women to answer questions about race and relationships and to listen to a doctor talk them through an ultrasound.

One law would require women to fill out a survey that asks about their race, education and reason for seeking an abortion. It asks women whether they're having relationship problems, whether they can't afford to raise a child or whether having a baby would dramatically change their lives.

Another section requires doctors to provide detailed information about complications that arise as a result of the procedure. Judges issued orders earlier this month to overturn and stall the new procedures.

From The Associated Press

FACES

By BARRY KOLTNOW
The Orange County Register

She was the object of Ben Stiller's desire in "The Heartbreak Kid." She was the object of Dr. Manhattan's desire in "Watchmen." And she was the object of a lot of people's desires in her infamous threesome scene in a 2006 episode of HBO's "Entourage."

fronts a band called Petalstones, which includes her husband of two years, Italian drummer Roberto Zincone.

Question: I've got to be honest with you. If I were to read the description of your soccer-mom character in "Couples Retreat," the actress Malin Akerman doesn't immediately come to mind.

MALIN AKERMAN (laughs): After "The Heartbreak Kid," you

To a crazy Italian drummer.

He's not a crazy drummer. Our marriage is not what people assume because I'm an actress and he's a musician. We stay home at night, and I cook dinner. My husband does session work so he's home a lot. He doesn't have crazy fans following him around. It's a pretty calm life.

But we've seen your films and your Maxim photo spread. Who's that Malin?

You've done a few nude scenes in movies and television. Is it your Swedish background that makes you so comfortable with nudity?

I would imagine so. In Sweden, nudity is natural. It's not considered sexual. We've grown up with boobies on television. People are topless on the beach. My parents would sometimes walk naked from the bedroom to the bathroom. You don't blink because it's so natural. I always think of my parents when I take a role. If I had been brought up in a prudish household, perhaps I would think differently. But, if the role is a good one, the nudity is not even an afterthought.

What are your boundaries on this subject?

I won't do a role that is gratuitous. If there is no reason for the nudity, I won't do it.

How long have you wanted to act?

It's been around since childhood. I've always done commercials, which was tied into the modeling. It was always a good way to make some money.

So, was it your dream to be a professional actress?

No. In college, I wanted to be a child psychologist. Acting was just something on the side to make money. And it was fun. But then I burned out on school and decided to take off for a year or two and have some fun. I acted and bartended for a while, and things just started rolling. After about a year, I got flown out here for a screen test. I didn't get the job, but I did get a manager who convinced me to move here permanently. I did, but got nothing for a whole year.

How were you paying your bills?

I lived off the residuals from all the commercials I had done, but that money ran out after a year. So, I gave up on acting, moved in with some musicians and started a band. That's how I met my husband.

You weren't making money as a musician, were you?

Not a cent. The guitar player and his wife had a studio in their house and I slept on a futon in that studio. I helped out with cooking and cleaning.

How did that work out?

That didn't work, either. But I did grow some thicker skin from that time in my life. I was a lot shyer before, and that hurt me in my auditions. Hollywood is so big league, and I was so small town. I would walk into a room and be so confused, and I think that was obvious to the people doing the hiring. But, after a year and a half of singing on

That's my alter-ego movie person. **And what is she really like?**

I'm still trying to figure that out. But that's why I love this business. I can play all the different sides of me. Films are like my therapy.

Coming from the world of model-

"In Sweden, nudity is natural. It's not considered sexual. We've grown up with boobies on television. ... You don't blink because it's so natural. I always think of my parents when I take a role. If I had been brought up in a prudish household, perhaps I would think differently. But, if the role is a good one, the nudity is not even an afterthought."

— Malin Ackerman on why she is comfortable with nudity

ing, did you expect Hollywood to see you only as a sex object?

I understand how it works, and I'm not easily offended. I know I've benefited from my looks. These legs go far. But, as long as it's a meaty role, I don't care how they see me.

stage in front of people, I gained a lot of confidence, and that helped me with my acting auditions.

The lesson here is that struggle is good?

The lesson here is that everything happens for a reason.

'Couples Retreat' star says 'Nudity is natural'



Orange County Register

Malin Akerman plays the wife of Vince Vaughn's character in the new comedy "Couples Retreat."

All things considered, one wonders how the tall, blond Malin Akerman got cast as the quiet suburban housewife with the stable marriage in the new comedy "Couples Retreat?"

That was the first of many burning questions we asked during a recent chat at the Four Seasons hotel in Los Angeles.

In the film, which was written by Jon Favreau of "Swingers" fame, Akerman plays Vince Vaughn's wife. They are among four couples who embark on what they think is an island vacation, but turns into an extended and unconventional marriage counseling session.

Akerman, 31, was born in Sweden, but her parents moved the family to Toronto when she was 2. She began modeling and appearing in commercials when she was 5. At 17, she won a Ford Model Search and later dropped out of college and pursued an acting career in Los Angeles.

In addition to her acting, she

didn't think of me?

Not to mention the ménage-a-trois bedroom scene on "Entourage."

Oh yeah, that too.

And the skin-tight leather outfit as Silk Spectre II in "Watchmen"?

Hmmm.

And the flirtatious sister in "27 Dresses"?

I get it. I usually play wild women.

It's just you're known for these characters, and I was wondering if you were intentionally trying to show a different side with this movie?

Not really. They (the producers) said they always wanted me for this role. And I appreciate their faith in me. But I don't think anyone really knows who Malin Akerman is. Is she the "Heartbreak Kid" girl, or is she the girl in "Couples Retreat"?

Good question. Who is the real Malin Akerman?

I'm pretty much down-to-Earth. I'm pretty calm. I'm married.

SCIENCE & MEDICINE

Donor sperm concern

Screening practices under scrutiny after heart defects passed on

By LINDSEY TANNER
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — A sperm donor passed on a potentially deadly genetic heart condition to nine of his 24 children, including one who died at age 2 from heart failure, according to a medical journal report. Two children, both now teenagers, have developed symptoms and are at risk for sudden cardiac death, the report says.

The case highlights the importance of thoroughly screening sperm donors, according to the report and an editorial published with it in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The San Francisco sperm bank involved now gives all donors electrocardiogram tests to weed out men with

genetic heart problems. The study authors recommend that other sperm banks follow suit.

Voluntary sperm bank guidelines say donors should be required to provide a complete medical history to rule out those with infectious diseases or a family history of inherited diseases. Many also do testing for genetic diseases that are less common than the heart problem, according to co-author Dr. Barry Maron of the Minneapolis Heart Institute, a leading authority on the condition called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy thickens the heart and makes it harder to pump blood. It affects about one in 500 people; many more likely have the genetic defect without symptoms,

said study co-author Heidi Rehm of Harvard Medical School.

The children are now ages

7 to 16. Nine, including one born to the donor's own wife, tested positive for the heart mutation.

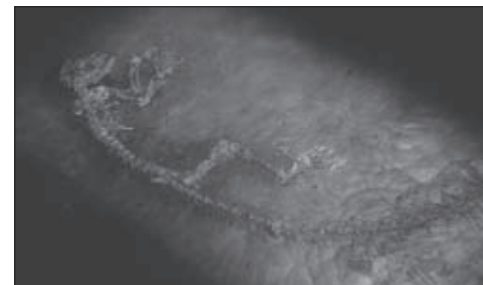
One born through sperm donation died; two others have developed symptoms, with one getting a defibrillator. The remaining children are at increased risk for problems, which often don't show up until adolescence, Maron said.

The only other documented case of a disease inherited through sperm donation involved a rare blood disease.

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Analysis: Ida's definitely not a primate

Remember Ida, the fossil discovery announced in May with its own book and TV documentary? A publicity blitz called it "the link" that would reveal the earliest evolutionary roots of monkeys, apes and humans. A new analysis says Ida's not even a close relative. In fact, Ida is as far removed from the monkey-ape-human ancestry as a primate could be, said Erik Seiffert of Stony Brook University in New York. He and his colleagues compared 360 specific anatomical features of 117 living and extinct primate species to draw up a family tree. They reported the results in the journal *Nature*.



ATLANTIC PRODUCTIONS, HISTORY/AP

UNDERSTANDING THE BATTERY'S

LONG LIFE

By CURT SUPLEE

Special to The Washington Post

Since the opening bell of the wonder-stuffed 21st century, consumer technologies have evolved at an electrifying pace ... batteries not included.

In recent years, microchip features have become vanishingly small and the amount of data on a disk has increased a billionfold.

Yet, the alkaline battery that powers most of our portable gizmos is not different in principle from the model that Alessandro Volta created in 1800. Back then, Volta used a stack of alternating zinc and copper disks separated by layers of brine-soaked paper that turned stored chemical energy into electrical energy.

Is this retro-electro condition a failure of modern science? Well, no, for two reasons.

The first is that the newest

versions of Volta's pile produce amazing boing for the buck and are poised to get better.

The second and most important reason that battery technology may seem to be lagging is that beyond a certain point you can't shrink chemistry. Digital data are almost infinitely compressible because the information is not a physical object. It can be embodied in the smallest difference between any two conditions — on or off, 0 or 1 — way down to subatomic scale.

But batteries aren't digital. "Energy is stored on stuff — atoms, ions and so forth," said MIT professor Gerbrand Cedar. "This is done by transferring electrons from one atom to another. Their energy difference is the energy stored. That's why batteries will never scale in performance the way, say, semiconductors have done."

cause negatively charged electrons to be displaced from atoms and to pile up in one location (the anode, marked with a minus sign), leaving the electron-deprived atoms, a.k.a. ions, to form a net positive charge at the cathode (marked with a plus). In between is a liquid, solid or

goo called the electrolyte, through which the ions migrate in the course of the reaction. The negative electrons are attracted to the positively charged ions but can't get there until somebody places a conductor between the two populations and forms a circuit. Then the electrons flow in a somewhat organized stream and the bulb in

your flashlight begins to glow. In rechargeable batteries, that chemistry is reversible. Hence the attraction of rechargeable nickel-cadmium, nickel-metal hydride and lithium-ion cells. The last is widely regarded as the most promising consumer battery technology for the next five to 10 years.

Lithium, the third-lightest element, is an excellent conductor, is not outrageously rare and has drop-dead stats. A standard measure of battery performance is the number of watt-hours (Wh) that can be stored in a unit with a mass of one kilogram. Rechargeable lithium-ion batteries generally clock in around 120 to 160 Wh/kg, and some go to 200. By contrast, an auto lead-acid battery produces a wimpy 25 to 40 Wh/kg, and nickel-metal hydride of the sort commonly used

in hybrid cars is about 40 to 90. Interestingly, some of today's disposable alkaline batteries can hit 200 Wh/kg.

Also important is power density — that is, how fast you can get the energy out (or in, if you're recharging). Lithium-ion batteries tend to emit their energy slowly. Cedar and colleagues appear to be on the verge of changing that.

"There is no theoretical limit to how fast one can do the electron and ion transfer processes," he said. Cedar's lab recently devised a way to use a lithium iron phosphate compound to make lithium-ion batteries that can be fully charged or discharged in a matter of 10 or 20 seconds — a stupefying notion when you consider the trillions of electrons and ions that have to be shuttled around when recharging even a single AAA cell.

If that and other current research projects make it to the market, we may soon be treated to a lot more jolt per volt as well as better recharge times.



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YOUR MONEY

Perks aplenty at rescued banks

BY TOMOEI MURAKAMI TSE
The Washington Post

NEW YORK — Even as the nation's biggest financial firms were struggling and the federal government was spending hundreds of billions of dollars to save many of them, the companies as a group were boosting the perks and benefits they pay their chief executives.

The firms, accounting for more than \$350 billion in federal bailout funds, increased these perks and benefits 4 percent on average last year, according to an analysis of corporate disclosures filed in recent months.

Some chief executives, such as Kenneth Lewis, of Bank of America, and Jeffrey Peek, of CIT Group, the major small-business lender now on the brink of bankruptcy, each received about \$100,000 more than a year earlier for personal use of corporate jets. Others saw an increase in the value of chauffeured services, parking or personal security.

Ralph Babb, chief executive of the Dallas-based lender Comerica, was compensated for a new country club membership, with an initiation fee and dues of more than \$200,000. GMAC Financial Services chief executive Alvaro

de Molina benefited from a \$2.5 million payment from his company to help cover his personal tax bill.

"You would have thought that this would be the moment when everyone said, 'OK, the perks have got to stop — at least while we're indebted to the government,'" said Paul Hodgson, senior research associate at the Corporate Library. "But that didn't happen."

This year may turn out to be different. In June, the Treasury

Department prohibited companies receiving bailout funds from reimbursing senior executives for their personal tax payments.

In the meantime, Kenneth Feinberg, the Obama administration official assigned to set pay for top executives at seven of the companies receiving the most help, plans

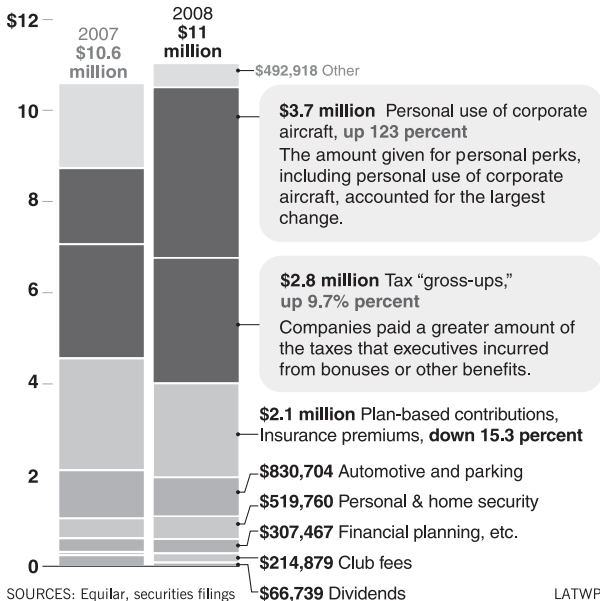
to curtail perks such as country club fees later this month. Perks worth more than \$25,000 are getting particular scrutiny from Feinberg.

On average, the chief executives at 29 of the largest public financial companies that have taken bailout funds received perks and benefits worth more than \$380,000 in 2008, according to compensation figures included in annual proxy statements and supplied by Equilar, a compensation data services firm.

In contrast to the 4 percent average increase in perks and benefits at these companies, the

Financial Companies' CEO Perks

The combined pool of executives at the nation's 29 largest public financial companies that have taken government assistance received more in corporate perks and benefits in 2008 than the previous year.



average awarded to top executives at nonfinancial companies in the Fortune 100 declined by more than 7 percent over the same period, according to Equilar.

Although perks represent a relatively small portion of an executive's overall compensation package, they have been targeted some shareholders who argue that these fringe benefits are meant largely to stroke the egos of top company brass.

"These executives are already well compensated," said Daniel Pedrotty, director of the AFL-CIO's office of investment. "The

notion that some of these folks can't even leave a nickel on the floor, that they want to take every last dime and put it on the company card really rubs people the wrong way but points to a larger problem of lack of independence at the board."

Still, some companies that have taken away perks are making it up to executives by boosting their pay. SunTrust Banks eliminated most executive perks in 2008, including financial planning services, club memberships and payment of taxes on the perks, according to a corporate filing. But the bank also noted that "base pay increases were made in 2008 to offset this reduction in perks."

Corporations have long defended perks as necessary for attracting and retaining talented executives. They also say some perks — corporate jets and chauffeured drivers, for example — are provided for security and to ensure that executives can work efficiently.

American Express is one such corporation. Last year, it provided its chief executive, Kenneth Chenault, with \$415,000 in corporate jet travel for personal reasons as well as \$201,000 for a home security system and \$46,000 for security during personal trips.

GMAC said it had stopped using its corporate aircraft altogether after receiving a federal bailout in late 2008 and that de Molina, its chief executive, had declined a year-end bonus for 2008. He did receive a nearly \$6 million award earlier in the year, however, and GMAC covered the taxes due on that bonus.

CIT, which cut its staff by 22 percent in 2008, declined to comment. Representatives for Comerica did not return phone calls.

Women vow to cut spending, poll finds

BY JENNIFER WATERS
MarketWatch

CHICAGO — Women are increasingly reining in spending and promising that their new frugality is here to stay — a vow that, if followed, could throw a wrench into the economic recovery.

Women with children overwhelmingly told researchers in a recent Citi poll that their spending and savings habits have changed "forever." Though most surveyed were optimistic about the economy over the next year, women in every income category said they were curtailing purchases on major items as well as everyday needs.

"There's a lot of reset going on in terms of returning to the basics," said Lisa Caputo, chief executive of Citi's Women & Co., a financial-resource program aimed at women. "Women are looking at this recession in very personal ways."

Seventy-five percent of mothers, both single and married, said savings and spending habits will never go back to pre-recession levels, while 61 percent of women without children said that, as did 60 percent of men.

When it comes to being forced to dip into savings and investments to cover bills, mothers widely outnumbered women without children — 62 percent compared with 52 percent — as well as men, at 39 percent.

About 63 percent of women with children are holding off buying big-ticket items like a car compared with 50 percent of women without children and 52 percent of men.

"Women across all sectors believe that their financial situations have deteriorated," Caputo said. "They are not going to be high-flying consumers with open pocketbooks."

Caputo said women, who have long been considered the CEOs of their households, are now also taking on the role of CFO.

Women already account for some 80 percent of household spending. That number could rise if the percentage of women in the workforce reaches parity with or marches higher than the portion of men. Already, this recession has been dubbed a "mancession" because a higher portion of men than women are unable to find jobs. Still, women's pay is still well below their male counterparts — women average about 78 cents for every dollar a man earns.

Given those particulars, plus higher rates of savings and debt reduction, and the survey's findings that frugality is here to stay, the picture doesn't look good for consumer spending, and in turn, an economic recovery.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates

Japanese yen (Oct. 26)	89.00
South Korean won (Oct. 26)	1,155.00
Euro costs (Oct. 26)	\$1.5413
Dollar buys (Oct. 26)	€ 0.6488
British pound (Oct. 26)	\$1.68

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	3.771
British pound	\$1.6311
Canada (Dollar)	1.0523
China (Yuan)	6.8295
Denmark (Krone)	4.9628
Egypt (Pound)	5.4725
Euro	\$1.5002/6666
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7500
Hungary (Forint)	177.94
Israel (Shekel)	3.6940
Japan (Yen)	92.10
Kuwait (Dinar)	2.841
Norway (Krone)	5.5589
Philippines (Peso)	46.96
Poland (Zloty)	2.79
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7488
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3945
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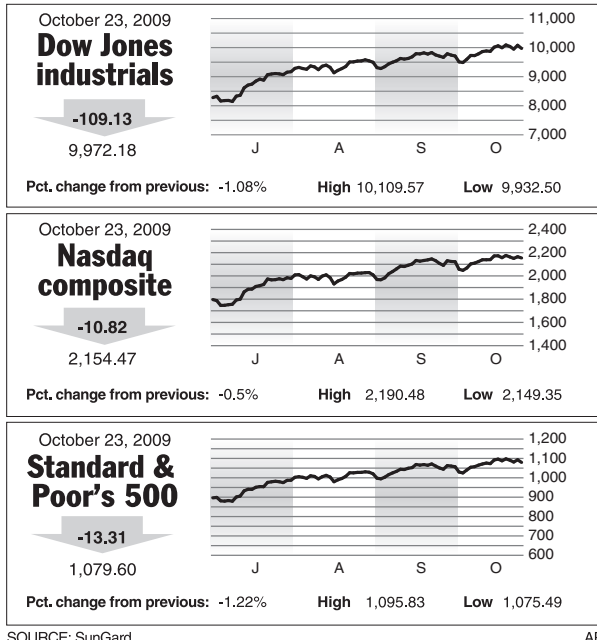
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INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.05
30-year bond	4.29

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

Runners hogging the roads

Here on Camp Speicher, I have been noticing an alarming trend in regard to physical training around post: running in the middle of the road.

I am not talking about during PT hours (some roads are closed during certain PT hours specifically for running). I'm talking about all times of the day.

Recently I had to pull over to the side of the road so that a "formation" (I use that term very loosely) could pass. This "formation" was made up of four Army soldiers all running shoulder to shoulder and taking up the entire two-lane road!

This is not an isolated occurrence. I often see soldiers running in the middle of the road with total disregard for traffic. I've had to tell soldiers who were running in the dark, with no reflective belt, in the middle of the road, that I could barely see them. They actually seemed surprised (and a little miffed) by this.

Are we going to have to wait for someone to get run over before the command does something about this?

Leland Lavoie
Camp Speicher, Iraq

Handing out awards

My perception is that probably one of the most discriminatory practices in the military is awarding commendations based on rank or position, especially deployment service awards.

The norm or trend is that soldiers E-6 and below receive Army Commendation Medals and worthy E-7s and above, to in-

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clude officers, receive Meritorious Service Medals or Bronze Star Medals. Commanders, executive officers, platoon leaders, platoon sergeants, staff officers and staff noncommissioned officers are the usual recipients of the MSM or BSM, but not all.

[Lower-ranking] soldiers, sergeants and staff sergeants are the workhorses of any unit and usually are directly responsible for "mission complete." They are the ones putting their lives on the line with daily patrols and providing countless hours of force protection: Medics saving soldiers' lives on the battlefield; personnel specialists ensuring soldiers and loved ones back home

are administratively being taking care of; supply sergeants ordering and pushing resources to the battlefield; cooks fixing hot chow to feed our hungry soldiers.

These are the soldiers who are performing above and beyond the call of duty to ensure victory on the battlefield. Despite all their hard work and efforts, the perception is that they will never be worthy of receiving an MSM or BSM because of their rank.

It really sickens me to watch [some] leaders receive Bronze Stars. I have researched the regulation pertaining to awards and decorations and even gotten some feedback from retired veterans on a blog I post from time to time. This perception of recommending an award based on rank and position has been around for a while.

Awards should be given based on outstanding performance. Rank and position should not be determining factors for what award one should receive.

Staff Sgt. Steven D. Hill
Combat Outpost Cashe South, Iraq

It's called 'change and hope'

Clearly most of America and the world gets it ("Why did Obama get prize?" letter, Oct. 20). It's called change and hope.

The letter writer should have been proud that, as commander in chief, President Barack Obama won the award. The election was last year. The right wing needs to get over it. Let's come together as Americans.

Master Gunnery Sgt. Herman Oden Jr.
(retired)
Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

Too much reliance on credit rating agencies

Sacramento (Calif.) Bee editorial

In the old days, if you wanted to buy a house, you went to a bank. The bank would assess your ability to repay the loan and collect a down payment to ensure that you had some "skin in the game." The bank typically held the loan, providing an incentive to ensure that a borrower wouldn't default.

In short, all the players had a stake in the success of the borrower repaying the loan.

That system, however, was thrown out the door in favor of a new system where no one had a stake in the success of a mortgage loan.

Lenders marketed loans that required little or no down payment and little or no documentation of income and assets. Middleman brokers who steered borrowers to these higher-cost loans would get fees, regardless of the borrower's ability to repay.

And lenders shifted from the old "book-and-hold" model (in which the original lender continued to hold the mortgage) to an "originate-to-distribute" model, in which the lender held mortgages briefly and then sold them to Wall Street firms, which in turn packaged them to sell to

investors.

As a McClatchy Newspapers investigation, "How Moody's sold out investors," published in the Oct. 18 Sacramento Bee shows, this house of cards was hugely dependent on credit rating agencies (Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch), which gave the highest triple-A investment grade ratings to these pools of risky home loans.

"How Moody's sold out investors" shows not only that credit rating agencies turned a blind eye to inflated, unsound ratings of mortgage securities but dismissed, silenced or punished analysts who warned of problems.

What should be done to see that this does not happen again?

As the story shows, a large part of the problem comes from inherent conflicts of interest when those who are packaging securities are the same people who are paying the fees to the credit rating agencies. Not surprisingly, they go "rating shopping" to choose the credit rating agency with the lowest standards.

The Obama administration has proposed reform legislation, which is making its way through Congress. The Securities and Exchange Commission would review credit

rating agencies once a year. Banks would have to disclose all preliminary ratings they receive from credit rating agencies in an attempt to stop banks from shopping for the best credit rating for their products. Credit rating agencies would have to disclose the fees they received for a particular rating.

The legislation also proposes that an interagency team examine the current reliance of investors on ratings.

Others want stronger medicine. For example, Frank Partnoy at the University of San Diego School of Law believes Congress should eliminate credit rating agency exemptions from liability.

Treat them the same as accountants if they engage in negligent, reckless or fraudulent practices. The credit rating agencies are fighting this, saying that they merely provide "opinions," and that no one should rely on their ratings to make investment decisions.

More disclosure, at a minimum, is essential — as is the need to reduce investor reliance on the current rating agencies. Congress should adopt such proposals first. If they fail, the hammer of liability waits in the wings.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

Obama needs to retreat in war with Fox

By JACK KELLY

President Barack Obama is still dithering about Afghanistan. But in his monologue Tuesday, comedian Jay Leno said: "President Obama today agreed to commit an additional 40,000 troops to help fight Fox News."

The opening salvo in this war of aggression was fired by White House Communications Director Anita Dunn, who said on CNN on Oct. 11 that Fox News "is the communications arm of the Republican Party."

Dunn retreated after Fox News talk show host Glenn Beck broadcast excerpts of a speech Dunn made to high school students in June in which she declared the Communist Chinese dictator Mao Zedong was one of her two favorite political philosophers.

But the White House wasn't retreating. In nearly identical language on the Sunday talk shows on Oct. 18, senior adviser David Axelrod and chief of staff Rahm Emanuel said Fox News isn't really a news organization, and should be boycotted by the others.

"A lot of their news programming, it's not really news. It's pushing a point of view," Axelrod said on ABC's "This Week" program.

"Other news organizations like yours ought not to treat them that way," Axelrod told host George Stephanopoulos. "We're not going to treat them that way."

This war is starting to look like a quagmire.

"The Obama administration's war on Fox News is dumb on multiple levels," said Washington Post columnist Ruth Marcus. "It makes the White House look weak, unable to take Harry Truman's advice and just deal with the heat. It makes the White House look small, dragged down to the level of Glenn Beck. It makes the White House look childish and petty at best, and it has a distinct Nixonian — Agnewesque? — aroma at worst."

"The Obama administration really needs to get over itself," said John Nichols of the Nation. "Whether the grumbling is about Republicans on Fox or bloggers in pajamas, there's a word for what the president and his aides are doing. That word is 'whining.'"

Fox News has enjoyed a ratings boost since the White House attacks began. Fox currently has the 10 most popular cable shows, attracting more viewers in prime time than CNN and MSNBC combined.

Since they appear to be backfiring, why does the White House persist in its attacks on Fox?

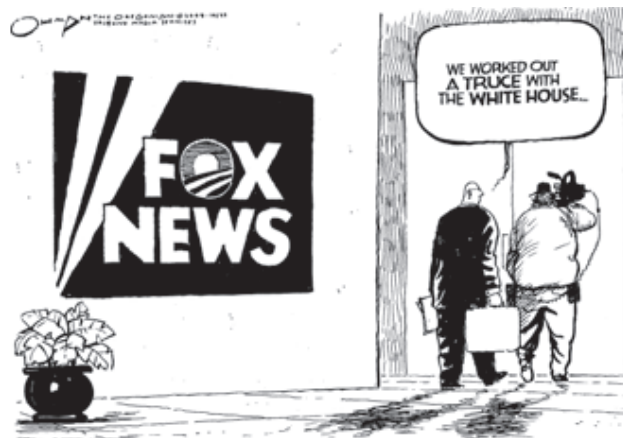
Some think the president and his aides have such thin skins they can't tolerate any criticism. Others speculate the administration is trying to divert attention from unpopular Obama initiatives such as health care reform. Still others think the White House is trying to fire up its liberal base.

Josh Gerstein and Mike Allen of Politico and Joe Scarborough of MSNBC think the White House doesn't want other news organizations following up on stories Fox breaks, such as the revelation that "Green Jobs" czar Van Jones was a communist and a 9/11 "truther," or that ACORN officials were eager to assist in setting up a brothel staffed by underage girls.

But was a strategy of "containment" necessary?

Many in the "mainstream" media already ignore stories unflattering to the president. Leigh Allen of San Francisco said in a letter to the editor she relies on The New York Times to keep her informed. But, she said, "I often don't hear about the latest conflict until I read a Facebook rant from an old high school friend or talk on the phone with my mother. It's embarrassing not to be able to respond with facts because I hadn't heard about the issue."

Might the attempt to bully Fox embarrass media watchdogs off



of Obama's lap?

"One wonders how our colleagues at CNN and elsewhere like being patted on the head and given the seal of approval by the White House," said former Fox anchor Brit Hume. "These outlets already stand accused of being in the tank for Mr. Obama. Do they really want to open themselves up to more such criticism by ignoring legitimate stories because they originate here?"

"It's escaped none of our notice that the White House has decided in the last few weeks to declare one of our sister organizations

'not a news organization,' and to tell the rest of us not to treat them like a news organization," ABC's Jake Tapper said to White House press secretary Robert Gibbs. "Can you explain why it's appropriate for the White House to decide that a news organization is not one?"

Gibbs couldn't.

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Public option reflects public's mindset on health

By SAM BERGER

The debate over whether health care reform should include a public option continues to dominate the headlines. But the controversy around the public plan reveals that the health care debate is about more than just one-sixth of our economy — it's also a struggle between the stark ideology of the past and a modern understanding of the interplay between markets and government.

The public option, designed as a compromise between single-payer, government-provided health care and a strictly market-based system, is widely supported by Americans. The program would create competition in a heavily consolidated industry, allowing the government and individuals to save money while maintaining our existing health care system.

Yet, conservatives have responded to the public option with nearly unanimous opposition, calling it a "government takeover" that threatens the health insurance industry. Opponents of health care reform claim the plan will be a Trojan horse for a single-payer system, driving out private insurers and facilitating government-run health care.

Although a public option could be designed to undercut private insurers by charging below-market prices, it could just as easily be designed not to. Congress has proposed several ways the public plan could set rates, and there could be additional constraints, such as a trigger or allowing individual states to opt to create their own public system.

Republican opposition might be explained as a strategy for winning the midterm elections by transforming health care into President Barack Obama's Waterloo. But this misses the larger ideological issue at stake: Conservatives are concerned that a public plan would work.

Grover Norquist, one of the architects of the opposition to President Bill Clinton's health care plan, acknowledged as much more than 10 years ago: "Had the Democrats taken over health care (under Clinton), I think we would have become a social democracy and we could have never undone it."

Conservative pundit William Kristol also recognized the threat presented by Clinton's health care reform, saying at the time that it would "strike a punishing blow against Republican claims to defend the middle class by restraining government."

Government involvement would improve the health care system. An unregulated health care market doesn't work; industrialized nations with government programs spend less money for better health results. And current demands to protect Medicare reflect satisfaction with government involvement here at home.

Conservative fears of a Trojan horse are

not entirely misplaced; the public option could change the political landscape simply by performing well. Rather than foster a government takeover of health care, an effective public option would foster the idea that targeted government intervention can be a force for good — a lesson Americans will be reminded of every time they go to the doctor.

This result would be anathema to the radical conservatives who currently have a stranglehold on the GOP. To them, government is always the problem, never the solution. But the world has changed since the conservatives' rise in the 1970s. Democrats have accepted a broader role for market competition in a whole host of fields, and have sought to combine market forces and government intervention to creatively address new challenges — and the public option is a perfect example.

In the face of these changes, knee-jerk opposition to government involvement is

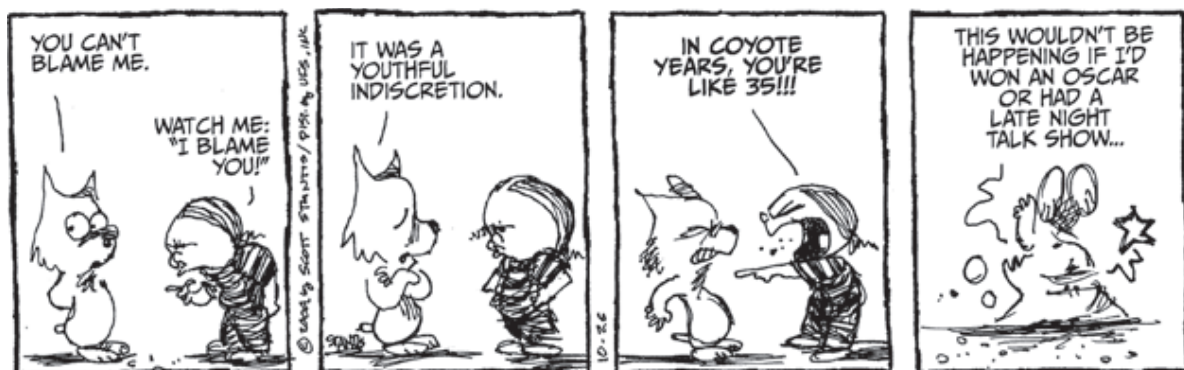
wofefully out of tune with the problems facing our country, problems exacerbated by eight years of conservative antigovernment rule. A robust public option could help move us past the old "government versus market" debates and address more nuanced questions of where government intervention is appropriate and what type of intervention it should be.

Also, by demonstrating the shallowness of the antigovernment view, health care reform could create room for a moderate wing of the Republican Party capable of honestly engaging with Democrats to craft bipartisan solutions, as they did with Medicare and civil-rights legislation.

Sure, this might make the GOP a more viable political force, but who are Democrats to be afraid of a little competition?

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Prickly City



By SCOTT STANTIS

Pilot in fatal crash had eye problems

OH TOLEDO — Federal investigators say an 86-year-old Ohio man at the controls of a plane that crashed last year, killing him and five passengers, had been warned not to drive by his eye doctor.

A report issued by the National Transportation Safety Board says Gene Damschroder Sr. had been in treatment for macular degeneration for two years. But on the last airman medical certificate he filed, in 2007, he denied having any eye conditions.

Damschroder, a former state representative, was giving airplane rides in June 2008 at Fremont Airport in northwest Ohio. The Blade newspaper in Toledo reported.

Man pleads guilty to DWI in motorized La-Z-Boy

MN DULUTH — A Minnesota man has pleaded guilty to driving his motorized La-Z-Boy chair while drunk.

A criminal complaint says Dennis LeRoy Anderson, 62, told police he left a bar in the town of Proctor on his chair after drinking eight or nine beers.

Prosecutors said Anderson's blood alcohol content was 0.29, more than three times the legal limit, when he crashed into a parked vehicle in August 2008. He was not seriously injured.

Police said the chair was powered by a converted lawnmower and had a stereo and cup holders.

The judge in the case ordered two years of probation for Anderson.

Lawyer: Nurse assistant unfairly denied care

CA LOS ANGELES — A nurse assistant who is in a vegetative state after being attacked at a Pasadena hospital has been denied care by workers' compensation and her health insurance that she is entitled to, her attorney alleges.

Amelia Mendoza, 52, was attacked twice in April by a violent patient at Huntington Hospital, suffering blows to her face, head and neck, attorney Russell Glauber said.

Days later, she had a hemorrhagic stroke, and her claims for subsequent health care have been denied by her insurer, Blue Cross, and by workers' compensation, he said.

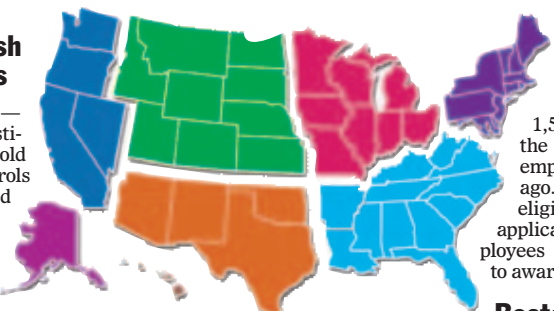
Huntington Hospital spokeswoman Andrea Stradling confirmed Mendoza's employment at the hospital but said in a statement, "We do not believe that her current condition is related to any work-related injury."

Airport guard charged with threatening Obama

NJ NEWARK — A private security guard at Newark Liberty International Airport was arrested on charges of threatening President Barack Obama the night before the president was to fly there.

A Continental Airlines employee reported overhearing John Brek make threatening comments at an airport coffee cart.

The 55-year-old security guard



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was arrested several hours later, Port Authority spokesman John Kelly said. He denied making the threats, said Malcolm Wiley, a spokesman for the U.S. Secret Service.

Brek allowed police to search his Linden home and officers found 43 firearms, Kelly said. The firearms were still being processed, but no illegal guns had been found.

Brek was arrested by Port Authority Police and charged under state law with making terroristic threats against the president. He has not been arrested on federal charges, Wiley said.

Welfare company under scrutiny, lawmakers say

IN INDIANAPOLIS — Influential lawmakers said Indiana welfare subcontractor Affiliated Computer Services Inc. will come under closer scrutiny now that Gov. Mitch Daniels has fired IBM Corp. from the project.

Rep. Peggy Welch, who sits on both the State Budget Committee and the General Assembly's Medicaid Oversight Commission, said some lawmakers wonder whether Dallas-based ACS was responsible for some of the poor service, lost documents and other problems that resulted in Daniels firing IBM from a 10-year, \$1.34 billion contract to automate intake for food stamps, Medicaid and other welfare benefits.



Mr. Pumpkinhead

A pumpkin head figure does a handstand in a yard in Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

ACS was one of IBM's largest partners in the welfare outsourcing that moved 1,500 case workers from the state's payroll to ACS' employment 2½ years ago. ACS workers compile eligibility data on welfare applicants before state employees decide which benefits to award.

Boston firm sued over pension funds

CA SACRAMENTO — California's attorney general has sued Boston financial powerhouse State Street Corp., claiming it had defrauded the state's two giant pension funds out of \$56.6 million through currency trades.

The lawsuit by state Attorney General Jerry Brown seeks penalties and triple damages for more than \$200 million. Brown said State Street "raided the custodial accounts" of CalPERS and CalSTRS by deliberately overcharging them on foreign currency trades since 2001.

State Street denied the allegation.

The loss alleged by Brown is relatively small for two pension funds that control a combined \$329 billion in assets. But California officials, who have been waging war on East Coast financial institutions following big investment losses, said the lawsuit needed to be filed.

Man: Wife took her own life in mansion

FL MIAMI — In the hours after Diane Ward died in the master bedroom of her mansion from a gunshot wound to the face, her husband was taken to the Orange County Sheriff's office for questioning.

According to sheriff's reports, Ward dialed 911 about 8 p.m. on Sept. 21.

Authorities said James Robert Ward had told a 911 dispatcher that he had shot his wife. But documents now show Ward had his BlackBerry with him in the interview room and sent a chilling e-mail to several people, including a trustee involved in his bankruptcy case.

"I hope you're happy," the e-mail read. "Diane killed herself this evening. Go to hell."

Ward, a 61-year-old prominent developer, is charged with second-degree murder in the death of his 55-year-old wife. He has pleaded not guilty and is free on a \$100,000 bond.

Diane Ward died in the couple's \$5.2 million home in the Isleworth subdivision near Orlando.

Gunman prays with clerk before finishing robbery

IN INDIANAPOLIS — Police say an armed robber spent nearly 10 minutes on his knees praying with a clerk at an Indianapolis check-cashing business before fleeing with \$20 from the register.

Security video from the Advance America branch clearly showed the man's face during the stickup, and a 23-year-old man later surrendered himself on a preliminary charge of robbery.

Police say the robbery took an unusual turn after the gunman came around the counter when the clerk starting crying and talking about God.



She's got mom's knobby knees

A 2-day-old giraffe calf stays close to her mother, Imara, the leggy little one doesn't have a name yet.



The key is to keep kicking Third-graders in Sitka, Alaska, splash in survival suits in Crescent Harbor. The students were learning how to be seen from the air during a mandatory cold water safety course.



Perfect end to the day Gary Bennett sits on the bank of Briar Creek Lake in Berwick, Pa., watching the sunset after putting his two fishing lines in the water.



Chewing is overrated Felix, a female African elephant, looks ready to swallow a pumpkin whole at The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore.

Family of 5 killed in head-on crash

TX NORMANGE — Five members of a College Station family were killed when a pickup truck slammed head on into their truck. The crash happened on the Old San Antonio Road, six miles east of Normangee. The Texas Department of Public Safety identifies the dead as Ismael Perez, 41, Minerva Perez, 37, Jenette Perez, 7, Celeste Perez, 5, and Josephine Perez, 3. The DPS reports the Perezes' pickup truck was traveling east when a pickup truck driven by Amy Wise, 28, of Centerville drifted across the center of the road. Wise's truck slammed head-on into the Perezes' truck. The DPS says the children weren't wearing seatbelts.

Opera diva accused of restaurant drama

NY NEW YORK — An Argentine diva is accused of creating a drama of operatic proportions at a Manhattan cafe. Gabriela Pochinki is accused of shoving the manager of Nice Matin, shouting and refusing to pay her bill. Witnesses tell the Daily News the ordeal was sparked when the soprano was making a loud cell phone call and the manager asked her to quiet down. The paper says Pochinki has recorded with the Krakow Radio Symphony Orchestra in Poland and worked on an album with Michael Jackson's father, Joe Jackson.

Catholic diocese pays \$1.2M in abuse case

IL BELLEVILLE — A Roman Catholic diocese in Illinois has agreed to pay \$1.2 million to settle a 6-year-old lawsuit by a former altar boy who claimed he was molested by his parish priest. The settlement announced by the Diocese of Belleville and confirmed by the plaintiff's attorney followed recent negotiations. Court papers only list the plaintiff as "John Doe." His lawsuit stems from alleged abuse by the Rev. Raymond Kownacki of Dupo at St. Theresa's Parish in Salem.

Headbutting defendant gets 39 years for murder

WA YAKIMA — A man who headbutted his attorney during his murder trial has been sentenced to 39 years in prison for shooting a man he believed was having an affair with his girlfriend. Eriberto Gonzales, 25, was convicted this month of murder and sentenced for the March 2007 ambush killing of Ezequiel Reyes, 25. During the trial, Gonzalez headbutted his lawyer, causing a cut over the attorney's eye, in a disagreement over defense strategy.

City bridges closed after tanker explosion

IN INDIANAPOLIS — State highway engineers plan to take steel samples from two Interstate 465 bridges damaged in a propane tanker explosion to determine whether it is safe to reopen the Indianapolis expressway. Officials are keeping the bridges closed. The closure on the north-

east side of Indianapolis is in the one of the area's busiest traffic corridors, averaging more than 150,000 vehicles a day. The state highway department says an explosion on an I-69 ramp knocked out one of 45 concrete columns supporting the bridges that will need to be replaced.

Man charged in 1989 killing of ex's child

CA LOS ANGELES — A San Diego attorney was charged with murder for allegedly killing his girlfriend's daughter 20 years ago so the mother could take custody of her granddaughters. The San Bernardino County district attorney's office said Fagan, 74, fatally shot Cathy Lynn Pater-noster, then 32, and wounded her boyfriend Carl Fuerst, then 41, on an October evening in 1989. Fagan, who has written a book about Internet dating, was charged with premeditated murder and attempted murder

Teen critically hurt in fall at farm meeting

IN INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis police say a 16-year-old boy from Texas who was in town for a national farm convention was critically hurt in a three-story fall from a mall escalator. Police say Phillip Caler of Booker, Texas, apparently was sitting on a railing at Circle Center Mall when he lost his balance and fell 41 feet. Emergency crews took him to Methodist Hospital. Police say the teen was attending a convention of the National FFA Organization.

Rains kill 1, cause flooding, sewage leaks

TX FORT WORTH — Heavy rains caused sewer pipes to overflow in north Texas and led to minor flooding in central Texas, where at least one death was reported. The city of Fort Worth experienced several sewer overflows when rainwater entered the city's sewer pipe lines and discharged into Lake Arlington and the Village Creek Wastewater Treatment plant, city officials said in a news release. In central Texas, officials had to open flood gates at two local dams to help control flooding as heavy rains continued to fall.

Man pleads guilty in road rage case

NY YORKTOWN — A New Yorker has pleaded guilty to menacing another motorist in an alcohol-fueled road-rage incident that preceded a fatal crash. Karl Wolert, of Putnam Valley, pulled a knife on another driver in October 2008. Wolert then got back into the car his wife was driving. She sped off, crashing and killing her other passenger, Kevin Earl Wylie of Texas. Authorities said the three had been drinking for hours in Yorktown. Wolert received three years' probation. His wife, Jaime Wolert, is serving one to three years for vehicular manslaughter. Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

If you have a modern problem, the fix will likely involve the use of a computer. Under the Aquarius moon, technological fixes are easily incorporated. Also, the Aquarius moon inspires unconventional modes of thinking, so nutty, impractical solutions might now seem so logical you'll wonder why you didn't come up with them before.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 26). Through the next two months, your group needs you and you need them. It feels wonderful to belong. Finances improve in November and again in February. In December, you'll be presented with an honor. You'll be brought together with a kindred spirit in February. In March, you'll be using a rare skill. Cancer and Pisces people adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Chance is never chance. Chance is the spirits working out the necessary path of life in a way unseen in the material world. You'll get a sign that all is unfolding as it should.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll make an important sale or earn a bonus. On a side note, your eye for design is keen these days. Your homestead could use a splash of color to brighten things up. Follow your creative whimsy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Champion a cause you feel empathy toward. Aligning a few actions with something your heart deems worthy will have a positive impact in a seemingly unrelated part of your life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your loved ones will not be so easy to read. Check in and see if there's anything they need. You'll be surprised at what they say. And luckily, you will be able to help.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are still a few steps to complete a project. Make sure to cross the finish

line before you start something new. There's nothing like the confidence and satisfaction you get from knowing you saw things through to the very end.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Exercise makes your ice cream taste better. There will be other examples in your life to illustrate how personal responsibility is the necessary antecedent to personal freedom. Without the first, you can't sustain the second.

Holiday Mathis



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're not yet where you want to be, but you're headed in the right direction. Give yourself credit for your diligent work, and keep it up. A Taurus will be a fine example of stamina and follow-through.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Someone needs your help but is a little too bashful to approach you directly. Pay attention to the subtleties, and you'll know who it is and what to do. You could be a hero.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Yes, it's true: Often your call is the right one. But remember, not always. Your ability to be open to input from others will only make you more effective as a decision-maker.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A new project is just challenging enough to increase your energy level. Do you suddenly feel like doing push-ups or cartwheels? Your strength will be impressive for all kinds of endeavors, physical and otherwise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Excess is draining, especially if you're excessively saintly. A little frivolity will be good for your steadfast nature right now. Let that hair down, and get a little messy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes you ask for the whipped cream on your espresso drink, and sometimes you don't. You are in possession of an admirably disciplined character. Get the whipped cream today.

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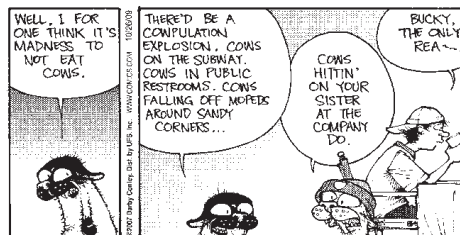
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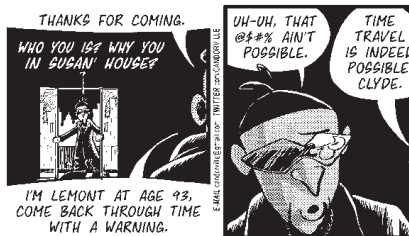
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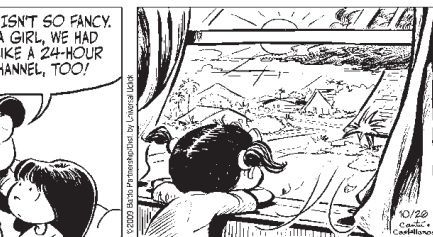
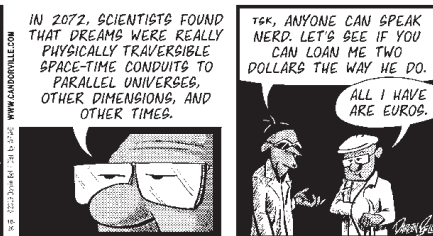
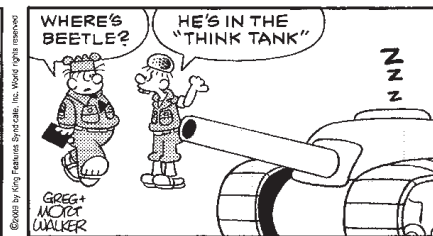
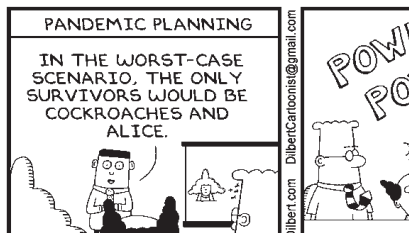
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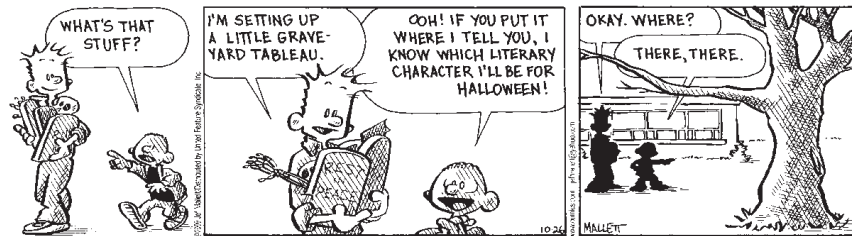
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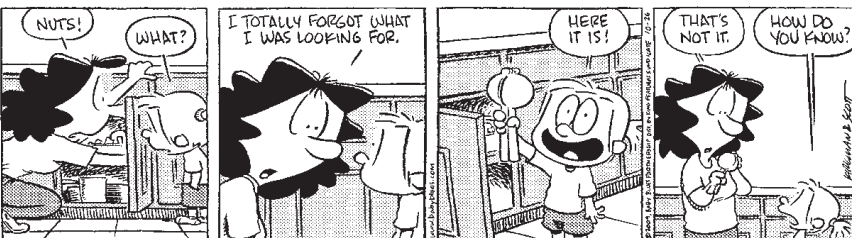
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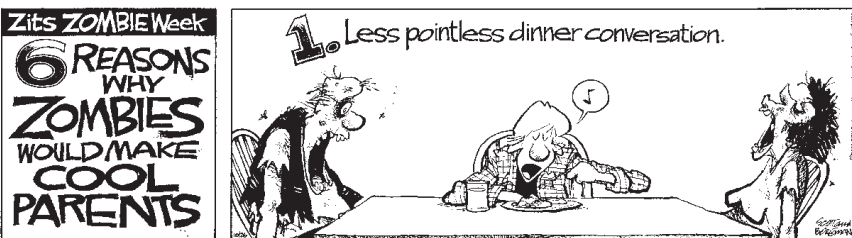
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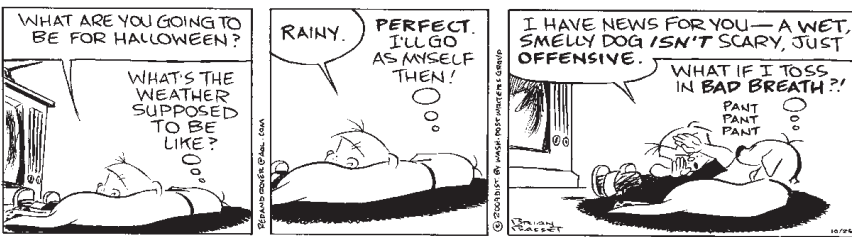
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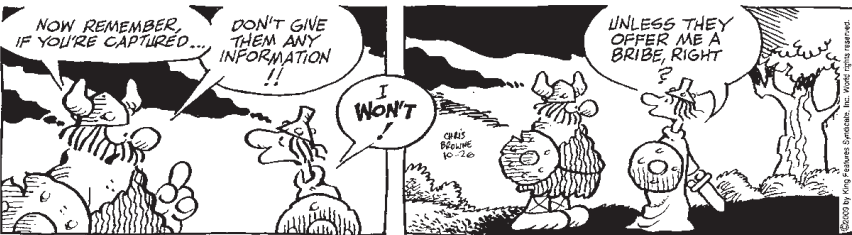
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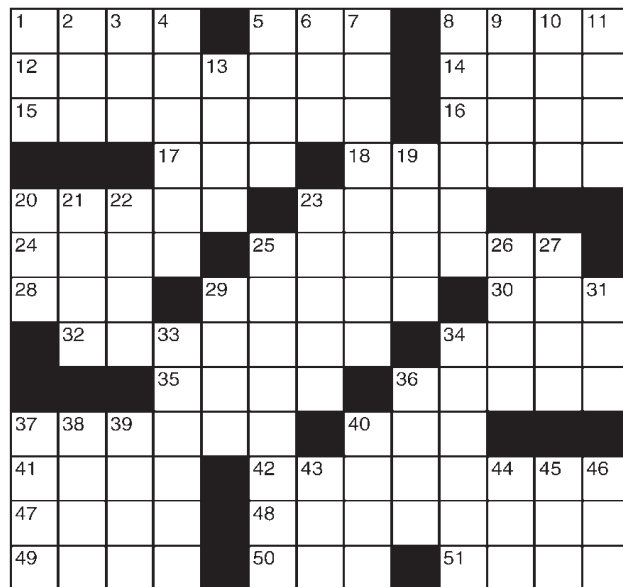
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 14 "Once — a time"
- 15 Barack Obama, e.g.
- 16 Exploit
- 17 Stocking stuffer?
- 18 Soft and weak
- 20 Actor Benjamin
- 23 Sandwich shop
- 24 Depend (on)
- 25 Insists on
- 28 Yoko of music
- 29 Break a Commandment
- 30 Discoverer's cry
- 32 One bordering on divine
- 34 Witticism
- 35 Soon, in verse
- 36 Rotates
- 37 Sound system
- 40 Kin of 30-Across
- 41 Cabbie
- 42 Raze
- 47 Liniment target
- 48 Eternally
- 49 Disposition
- 50 Operated
- 51 Break suddenly

DOWN

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- 2 Gorilla
- 3 Computer acronym
- 4 Seemingly unsolvable
- 5 Had on
- 6 Historic time
- 7 Regarded
- 8 Drury Lane purchase
- 9 Duel tool
- 10 Capricorn
- 11 Initial stake
- 13 Edinburgh resident
- 19 Level
- 20 Sis' sib
- 21 Tear to bits
- 22 Lotion additive
- 23 English cattle breed
- 25 Humanitarian
- 26 Gloomy
- 27 Tibia's place
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- 31 Chances, for short
- 33 Made an impression on
- 34 Compunctions
- 36 Explorer Heyerdahl
- 37 Counterfeit
- 38 Mexican entree
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- 40 "So be it"
- 43 A Gabor sister
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- 45 Spanish Mrs.
- 46 With it, once

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU'RE STUDYING HOW PEOPLE RIDE TO AND FROM WORK EACH DAY, ARE YOU TAKING COMMUTER SCIENCE?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals T

Husband sticks to cruel prophecy

Dear Abby: My brother, "Luke," died young due to drug addiction. When our son, "Adam," misbehaves, my husband blames me. He says Adam is going to end up "just like Luke," and it will be my fault.

My mother bailed my brother out of his problems, but I have never done that with our son.

I have told my husband numerous times how cruel it is to suggest Adam could end up like Luke, but he continues to say it and then "remind" me if it happens, it will be because of me.

My husband is a wonderful man in every other way, but he doesn't seem to realize how hurtful and unnecessary his cruel words are when he compares our son to my brother.

— Sad Mom in Texas

Dear Sad Mom: Wake up and smell the coffee.

Your husband realizes exactly how cruel that comparison is, and has since the first time you expressed how deeply hurtful it was.

I see nothing helpful or constructive about comparing your son to a boy who died too young and too soon.

If it's said in front of Adam often, it could become a self-fulfilling prophecy. (Nothing like the power of suggestion.)

So stop feeling victimized and demand that your "wonderful" husband cut it out, because if something

should happen, the fault will be HIS.

Dear Abby: My husband and I are Civil War re-enactors. (My husband is a cannon soldier and I

am a nurse re-enactor.)

We would greatly appreciate it if you would remind your readers that if they come to any of the re-enactments to please not talk to the participants while they are firing weapons in "battle" because it could distract them.

Something could go wrong and they could be badly injured. Thank you, Abby.

— Civil War Re-enactor in Elmira, N.Y.

Dear Re-enactor: I'm pleased to pass along your important reminder.

It would be a shame if someone became a casualty of a war that ended in 1865.

People who attend a war re-enactment should realize they are watching a performance, and not participating in "history."

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.uepress.com/dearabby> Universal Press Syndicate

Dear Abby



JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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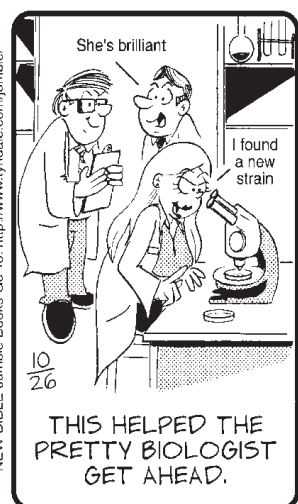
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Saturday's

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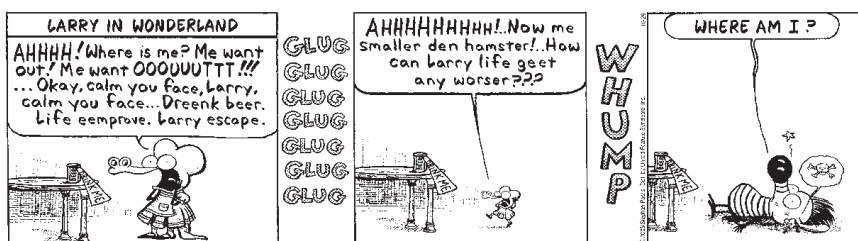
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

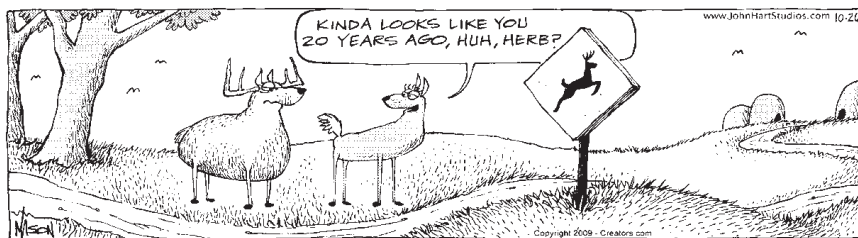


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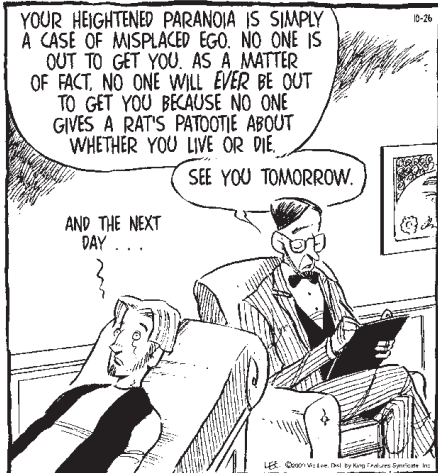
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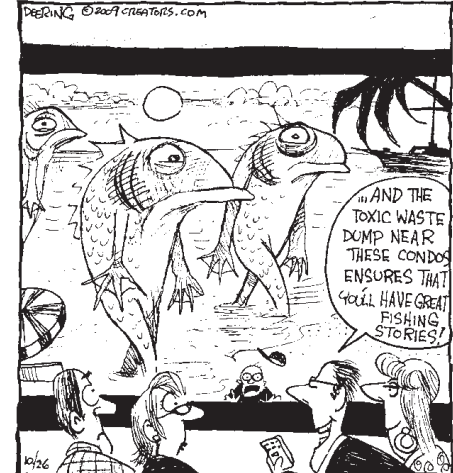
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Strange Brew



Speed Bump



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009

	AFN/prime Atlantic	AFN/family	AFN/movie	AFN/news	AFN/prime Pacific	PENTAGON	AFN/spectrum	AFN/sports	AFN/xtra
15:00	Washington Week	(2:20) Movie "Beverly Hills Chihuahua" (2008)	(:05) Movie "Snow Dogs" (2002) Cuba Gooding Jr. A Miami dentist becomes a sled-dog racer in Alaska.	Huckabee	Man vs. Wild "Siberia" (Part 1 of 2)	Fit For Duty Battleground	Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles	SportsCenter	(2:00) Sports
15:30	House Call			FOX Report	Ice Road Truckers "Man vs. Ice"	Week-Pentagon Army Newswatch	Heroes "Out of Time"	Sports	Sports
16:00	Entertainers	Be the Creature "Lemur" Searching for lemurs.		This Week at War	Survivor: Samoa	The Grill Sergeants USARJ This Week	King of the Hill That '70s Show		
16:30									
17:00	In Touch-Dr	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "Father of the Bride" (1991) Steve Martin. A doting dad deals with his daughter's impending wedding.	Glenn Beck	The Chris Matthews Show ESPNEWS	Recon FNG Useful benefits.	The National Parks: America's Best Idea		
17:30	T.D. Jakes	The Fairly OddParents		CNN Sunday	20/20	Today's Air Force Fit For Duty	Supernanny "Baulisch Family"		Sports
18:00	Love Worth Finding	America's Funniest Home Videos		Week-Pentagon All Hands TV	In Plain Sight "Duplicate Bridge"	Battleground Recon Revisited	Criminal Minds "Memoriam"		
18:30	Crossing the Goal			Today	Boston Legal "Made in China"	Week-Pentagon The Grill Sergeants	Mad Men "The Gold Violin" Don buys a new car.		
19:00	Latin Music USA	So You Think You Can Dance Dancers compete in the third part of the Las Vegas round.	Movie "Sleepy Hollow" (1999) Johnny Depp. Colonial villagers lose their heads to a phantom horseman.						
19:30	MotorWeek			CBS News Sunday Morning	Headline News	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Betrayal"	Outside the Lines	Sports
20:00	At the Movies				Saturday Night Live	Around the Services	Friends	Sports Reporters	
21:00	Digging for the Truth "New Maya Revelations"	Greek "Brothers and Sisters"	(8:55) Movie "Mrs. Harris" (2005, Biography) Annette Bening, Ben Kingsley.			Around the Services	Dancing With the Stars	Sports	
21:30	Man vs. Wild "Siberia" (Part 1 of 2)	Touched by an Angel	(:45) Movie "K-19: The Widowmaker" (2002) Harrison Ford, Liam Neeson.	Face the Nation					
22:00	Man vs. Wild "Siberia" (Part 1 of 2)								
22:30	Ice Road Truckers "Man vs. Ice"	7th Heaven "Work"							
23:00									
23:30									

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009

00:00	Survivor: Samoa	So You Think You Can Dance Dancers compete in the third part of the Las Vegas round.	(10:45) Movie "K-19: The Widowmaker" (2002, Suspense)	This Week With George Stephanopoulos	Comics Unleashed Two and a Half Men	Around the Services Fit For Duty	(11:00) Dancing With the Stars	(11:00) Sports	(10:00) Sports
00:30				Meet the Press	NCIS "Chimera"	The Benning Report The Grill Sergeants	Dancing With the Stars		Sports
1:00	Sports		Movie "Thunderheart" (1992) Val Kilmer, Graham Greene. An agent's heritage is integral to a murder investigation.	America's News HQ	Cold Case "The Good Death"	VA News This Week in the Pentagon	24 "Day 6: 12:00 Midnight - 1:00 AM"	Sports	
1:30		Greek "Brothers and Sisters"							
2:00		Touched by an Angel	(:15) Movie "Sleepy Hollow" (1999, Horror) Johnny Depp. Colonial villagers lose their heads to a phantom horseman.	Amanpour.	20/20	Balad and Beyond FNG Useful benefits.	Prison Break "The Art of the Deal"	Sports	
2:30				Your Money	In Plain Sight "Duplicate Bridge"	Battleground Today's Air Force	NUMB3RS "Blackout"		Sports
3:00		7th Heaven "Work"							
3:30				America's News HQ	Boston Legal "Made in China"	Recon The American Veteran	Namaste Yoga Total Body Sculpt With Gilad		
4:00	Sports	Teletubbies	(:10) Movie "Mrs. Harris" (2005) Annette Bening, Ben Kingsley. Socialite Jean Harris kills her lover, Dr. Herman Tarnower.	Frontline "Obama's War U.S. counter-insurgency strategy."	Good Morning America	USARJ This Week The Grill Sergeants	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Paula's Home Cooking		
4:30		Rolie Polie Olie		FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace	This Week With George Stephanopoulos	This Week in the Pentagon Army Newswatch	E! News Entertainment news. The Daily 10	Sports	
5:00		Sesame Street							
5:30		Bear in the Big Blue House Raggs	Entertainers	FOX Report	Sesame Street	Fit For Duty Downrange News from Iraq and Afghanistan.	ER Pratt rages at Neela; Carter reunites with Kern in Paris.		Sports
6:00				State of the Union With John King	The View		Desperate Housewives "Into the Woods"	(:15) Sports	
6:30				Hannity	Dr. Phil	Fit For Duty FNG Useful benefits.	Grey's Anatomy "Desire"		
7:00				Newsroom	The Dr. Oz Show	This Week in the Pentagon Fit For Duty	Judge Judy Judge Alex		Sports
7:30				Huckabee	Access Hollywood The King of Queens	Battleground EXchange on Air	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Boom"	Sports	
8:00	Sports			Larry King Live	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore Downrange	Challenge		
8:30				60 Minutes	General Hospital	FNG Useful benefits. Recon	Emeril Live		Sports
9:00				State of the Union With John King	Days of Our Lives	Fit For Duty Battleground	Designers' Challenge The Soup	SportsCenter	
9:30				This Week in the Pentagon Up to the Minute	Oprah Winfrey	Tour of Duty This Week in the Pentagon	Top Gear	Sports	Sports
10:00				Face the Nation	Wheel of Fortune	VA News Downrange	King of the Hill That '70s Show		
10:30				Newsroom	Jeopardy!	EXchange on Air Army Newswatch	Daily Show- Jon Stewart The Colbert Report		
11:00				Fox and Friends First	60 Minutes	Briefing Encore Fit For Duty	The Amazing Race 15		WWE SmackDown!
11:30				Today	NCIS "Dead Reckoning"	Battleground Recon	Doctor Who Martha Jones must try to save the world.		
12:00	The Blitz			Today	The Jay Leno Show	This Week in the Pentagon The Grill Sergeants	Fringe "In Which We Meet Mr. Jones"		4th and Long
12:30	ESPNEWS	Dora the Explorer		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore Recon Revisited	Seinfeld "The Apology"	Sports	RENO 911!
13:00	This Week	Bear in the Big Blue House Raggs	(:20) Movie "While You Were Sleeping" (1995) Sandra Bullock. A lonely woman latches onto a co-matose accident victim.	Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Today's Air Force	Friends		The Man Show
13:30					Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		Sports
14:00	Meet the Press	Sesame Street	(:20) Movie "American Pie 2" (2001, Comedy) Jason Biggs, Shannon Elizabeth.						
14:30									
15:00	Wall Street Journal Report	Funniest Home Videos							
15:30	ESPNEWS	Planet's Funniest Animals							
16:00	Sesame Street	(3:50) Pokémon							
16:30		(:40) Zatch Bell							
17:00	The View	(:05) The Fairly OddParents							
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles							
18:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	Entertainment Tonight						
18:30		Hannah Montana							
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	Unfabulous	Movie "Saw" (2004, Horror) Cary Elwes, Danny Glover, Monica Potter. A doctor must kill his cellmate or his family will die.						
19:30		Suite Life of Zack & Cody							
20:00	Access Hollywood	Smallville "Bizarro"							
20:30	The King of Queens								
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Something in the Air"	(8:55) Movie "The Da Vinci Code" (2006, Mystery) Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou, Ian McKellen. A religious mystery could rock foundations of Christianity.						
21:30									
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: Next Generation							
22:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey							
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "Relationships"							
23:30			(:40) MoviePulp Fiction (1994)						

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009

00:00	Oprah Winfrey	Unfabulous	(11:40) Movie "Pulp Fiction" (1994, Crime Drama) John Travolta, Samuel L. Jackson. Two hit men, a boxer and a crime boss meet their fates.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	The American Veteran	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:00) Sports	(11:00) Sports
00:30		Suite Life of Zack & Cody			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	Smallville "Bizarro"		Happening Now	Judge Judy	The Grill Sergeants Around the Services	Criminal Minds Kidnapped Russian immigrant.		
1:30	Jeopardy!			Newsroom	House "Whatever It Takes"	Downrange All Hands TV	NCIS "Friends and Lovers"		Family Guy "Blue Harvest, Parts 1 and 2"
2:00	Headline News	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Something in the Air"	(:20) Movie "Saw" (2004) Cary Elwes. A doctor must kill his cellmate or his family will die.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Recon State Dept Briefing	October Road "Once Around the Block"	Sports	WWE SmackDown!
2:30	ATS/AFN Report	Degrassi: Next Generation							
3:00	60 Minutes	Strange Days-Blake Holsey							
3:30		7th Heaven "Relationships"	(:15) Movie "The Da Vinci Code" (2006, Mystery) Tom Hanks. A religious mystery could rock foundations of Christianity.	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Apology"	College Football Live	
4:00	NCIS "Dead Reckoning"			The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	Today's Air Force	Namaste Yoga	Sports	4th and Long
4:30					Headline News	The American Veteran	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad		
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies							
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie							

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Misawa, Japan - Honda Odyssey, 1995 JCI: July 2010 Excellent Condition! Auto-start, Snow Tires, A/C & Heat, and Great Stereo Garage kept - Very Clean Interior, well maintained Power everything and Ready to drive home today! Asking \$3500 OBO Contact John at cell: 080-5685-8409 or jaloseto@yahoo.com

Yokohama/Negishi - 1999 Nissan March Bolero - black - 4 cylinder automatic transmission with power locks and windows - A/C works good - JCI good thru March 2010 - 500 Y-plates for cheap road tax - non smoker - \$1000 OBO - leaving Japan on the 30th - will deliver to local bases - call 269-6291 or 080-4073-8157 - email: james.r.guest@us.army.mil or jimguest.injapan@yahoo.com

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Yokota - 1996 Mitsubishi Legnum VR4 Station wagon for sale. 83500 kilometers, twin turbo, 2.5L V6, AWD, Sport Shift, PW/P/L, Navigation, JCI Good till June 2010. \$3000 Asking price, MUST SELL QUICKLY. DSN: 315-263-7274.

Yokota, Japan - 1991 Nissan Laurel Grey full size sedan with Kenwood stereo system. Replaced 2 tires, windshield wipers. Upholstery have some wear and tear but car still runs in great condition. It's only needed a few tune-ups and A/C and heater work great! JCI until March 2010 asking \$400 OBO please call 2142616421 or email prodigies18@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1992 Mitsubishi Pajero 2DR Diesel Looking to sell my 2 door Pajero 2.5L Turbo diesel. Automatic, pretty solid truck, not the prettiest body around, but far from the ugliest mechanically sound. 167000 KM on it 4" body lift, 33" BF Goodrich Mud Terrains No good offer refuse, resellers and exporters, & Junkers welcome. JCI until March 2010 asking \$3000 OBO Please call 080-3538-0545

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Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan 300Z 5 Speed, Performance Exhaust, Premium Stereo System, Clean Interior & Paint, JCI March 2010 asking \$1200 OBO Please call 214-261-6352 or 080-6657-9171 or email winfordbr@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Nissan Silvia-180SX Body work and Paint was done by Show up Garage recently changed the rear tires, brake pads, and front rotors for JCI inspection. Please call for more information! Street Engine Upgrades: Black S13 SR20DET Kakimoto Cat back Exhaust Low Profile Exhaust Elbow & Pipe Coolant Reservoir, Tank, Super Wide Straight Pipe S14 Ball bearing Turbine NGK Performance Spark Plugs All intakes converted to 4" Piping Performance Intake Filter Nismo Single Plate Clutch Nismo 2 Way Differential 2 Core Radiator Greddy Electronic Radiator Fan Controller S14 Greddy Intercooler Flex a lite Low Profile Twin Radiator Fan JCI until Aug. 2011 Asking 6500 OBO Please call Jessica Smeaton (649)258-6930 or email iamcaptinkr@gmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - 1995 Toyota Camry Silver 4door! Very Reliable! We'll be available on Nov 15. Great Deal! New Battery as of 8/2009! Please call 614-358-4755 or email jackson_r_a@yahoo.com Payment Plan available if needed! JCI until April 2010 asking \$800 OBO

Yokota, Japan - 1996 Nissan Laurel S650 6 cylinder JCI 28 Feb 2011 49,140km Dent in rear passengers side see pictures Excellent a/c Well Maintained no leaks new brake pads AM/FM/Cassette Players clean interior no smoke odor. JCI until Feb 2011 asking \$850 BO Please call 267-6149

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Yokota, Japan - 2000 Toyota Altezza (IS 300 LEXUS) inline 6 -power steering -new tires -new headlights -premium sound system (6 speakers, two 12 inch subs) -clean car inside and out -automatic transmission -great air conditioning and heating -JCI till 2011 asking \$3000 obo please call 90-1 273- 9895 or email michael.payne90@hotmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - 2000 Suzuki Wagon R (Yellow Plate) This car has been good to me but it is time to move on. It may look small but it is very roomy and great for local road trips and a great family car. The only thing aftermarket on it is HID (High Intensity Discharge) Lights that work like a charm and light up the road at night. The car has almost 88000km on it and still runs great. I just recently had the Spark Plugs changed, new distributor w/ rotor, and all the fluids changed. This car is also turbo ED, so it does have some get up to it. JCI is good for 2 years! Asking \$3000 OBO please call Neffien 080-3586-8713

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Toyota Fun Cargo- very clean A little over 99,000 km. chameleon color stereo docking area and purple/pink steering wheel JCI until August 2011 Asking \$3500 Please call 773-634-7782 or email usafirefighters_wife@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 2 for 1 for a limited time get 2 vehicles for the price of 1. Get a Toyota Crown 94 & 94 Honda Inspire both for only \$3900. One for \$2200 & one for \$1500 savings of \$400 for two very reliable and dependable vehicles Ask about split payment plan option. JCI until Jan 10 & July 10 asking \$3300 please call 080-3081-9772 or email chynasdad1@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - 97 Honda StepWagon JCI expire May 2011 Nice family car Sits 7 people comfortably Power Windows/Locks 5 disc CD player cold A/C Front/Back PCS in Nov ready to make a deal 500 plate (cheap road tax) Runs great -Very reliable Asking \$2000 OBO 090-1347-0394

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Yokota, Japan - Honda Ascot Innova 2 yrs JCI/500 Plate Just passed JCI, reliable, clean exterior/interior, remote start for the winter, aftermarket CDMP3 player, 2 10's, Kenwood amp. Excellent on gas and it is a 500 plate so cheaper insurance and road tax fees. Asking \$2500 OBO Please call 713-458-0823 or email donald.whitejr@yahoo.com

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Yokota, Japan - Toyota Town Ace PCS Sale, Must Go! Minor superficial flaws, but engine runs great! Excellent family car, good for road trips and commissary runs. JCI until Feb 10, but leaving in November Get it now! Asking price \$700 OBO Please call Scott 080-3204-4904

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Baby Items 200
Yokota, Japan - Eddie Bauer travel system car seat/stroller combo. The system includes an infant car seat which makes it easier for you, and your little one, to transition from car to stroller. The large storage basket on the stroller springs down easily for you to load up with shopping treasures or larger items you need to take along for the ride. When you have finished the day's journeying, the 1-hand fold 'n stand with self-lock makes strolling the stroller easy. Slightly used but in very good condition. Retail for \$209 selling for half price. Call or email for more info. 090-1269-4102 1-971-244-0524 / jeff.millertine@juno.com

Cellular Phones 280
Yokohama/Negishi - two (2) Softbank model 8125SH cell phones, metallic blue color - one has scratched. One in use and the other is inactive. Only need to change SIM card to make them work. Complete with box, manual, and charger. Paid \$156 each - will sell both for \$100 OBO. Leaving Japan on 30th - call 269-6291 or 080-4073-8157, email: james.r.guest@us.army.mil or jimguest.injapan@yahoo.com
Yokota, Japan - (2) Nokia N95 Cell Phones for Sale I am selling two 7 months young Nokia N95 cell phones. This phone retails for at least \$250 dollars, I am only asking \$200 per phone, OBO. A for Ajay, 080-3703-3941. Thanks!

Computers 360
Yokota, Japan - Belkin wireless router (g) I have a belkin wireless g router for sale \$25.00 paid \$40.00 used for one month. Call me or email 702-946-5981, 0 8 0 - 3 5 9 5 - 6 1 2 5 , _hamblin@live.com

Furniture 510
Yokota, Japan - IKEA Entertainment Center/TV Stand Excellent Condition - 46" Wide / 19.5" Deep / 20" High- Locking Glass Panel with Key- Adjustable Shelves. Please call 240-241-5776 or email jumholbrook@hotmail.com
Yokota, Japan - Must go ASAP. Entertainment center/comp. desk set must sell ASAP before move. I am selling this as a set. I designed these and had them custom made. They are absolutely beautiful and well taken care of each piece entertainment center & matching computer desk has lots of great features. I ask that you call to see in person as I do not have pictures. Computer desk has glass top to protect wood easy to clean-built in filing cabinet w/ lock, removable trays, and much, more. Entertainment center is gorgeous, easy gliding drawers, built-in area for DVD's to be hidden, pull-out drawers, lights, much more. Both are really nice. Selling as set immediately sold rosewood \$3500 for both-paid a lot more than this. Please call Angela 916-473-4488

Furniture/Appliances 511
Yokota, Japan - Nice Kitchen Table Set must sell immediately before move. Excellent shape never old at all. We even had a custom glass top made to put over table to protect wood easy to clean. Put liners under glass to add to decor really nice. Tall Round Table, Set of 4 cushioned chairs (cushions are neutral color, built into chair), storage at bottom of table. Custom Glass Top, Natural, solid set of 4 placemats, paid over \$800 for this set asking \$300. Must go ASAP must provide own delivery. Please leave message if not home. 916-473-4488

Household Items 560
Yokota, Japan - Large Japanese Kanji Frame. They are ichigo-ichie only once in the life) this is good for display on your wall. Size: 4 x 1.5. Please e-mail me at yokotajapan73@hotmail.com or call me at 090-9825-3805 (Soft Bank User can text me with the number). Asking \$35 OBO Please call 090-9825-3805 or e-mail yokotajapan73@hotmail.com

Home Electronics 570
Yokohama/Negishi - Coby 20 watts CD stereo system. Still in box - never used. Will accept reasonable offer. Leaving Japan on the 30th - call 269-6291 or 080-4073-8157, email: james.r.guest@us.army.mil or jimguest.injapan@yahoo.com
Yokota, Japan - MXL 990 Condenser Microphone with Shock Mount Condenser Microphone with Shock Mount has a silky, sweet high end while retaining tight, solid low and midrange reproduction. The 3/4" gold-splattered diaphragm creates a professional sound suited for digital and analog recording. Attractive vintage body style with champagne finish. 30Hz-20kHz frequency response 130dB maximum SPL Includes custom shock mount, mic. Stand adapter, and case. Requires phantom power asking \$60 OBO Please call 090-4389-3536

Jobs Offered 630
Yokota, Japan - BABYSITTER NEEDED Wed - Fri. 2-3 hr block of time on two to three days between 8am - 1pm. Flexible schedule. Competitive pay. Two children: 2 years and 10 months. Call 904-229-0498 if interested.

Outdoor Living 775
Yokota, Japan - garden (west housing) home fence and awning for 2 story garden house. Professionally built, July 2009 Paid \$2500, great condition PCS in November ready to sell today. Asking \$2000 obo still in the ground, you must come and get it. Call or e-mail me for address. 090-1347-0394

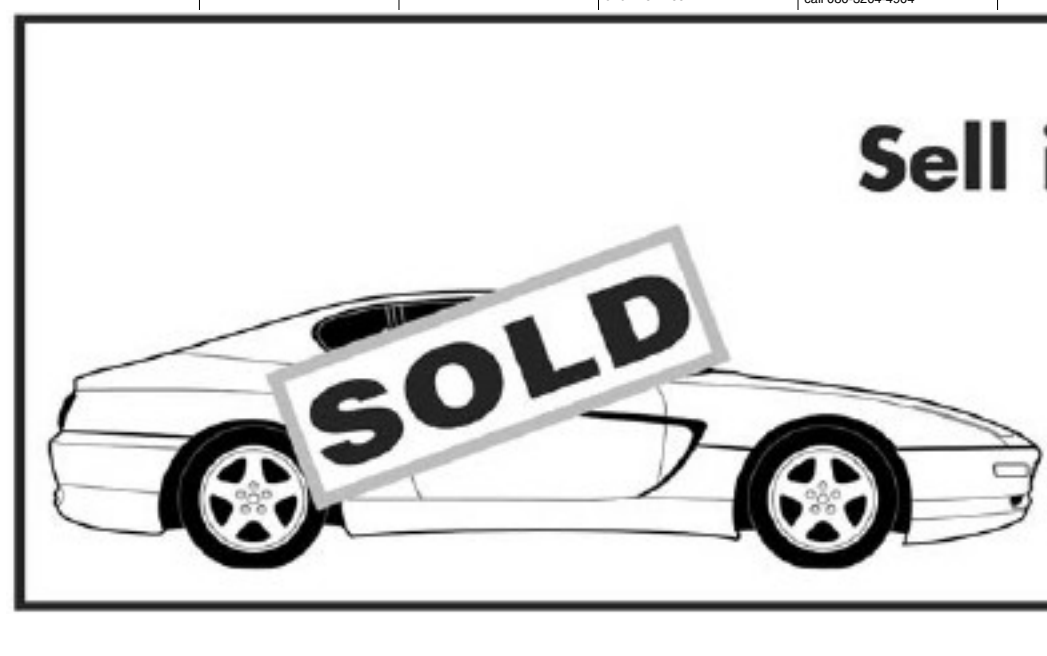
Pets 820
Negishi, Japan - 1 year old pure bred male yellow Labrador Retriever free to a good home, very sweet and kind and has tons of energy, crate trained, house broken and fixed. Will provide pedigree papers (in Japanese) crate and metal training collar. Contact 0908569764/65 or email: xxone12xx@yahoo.com

Sporting Goods 980
Yokota, Japan - New GARMIN forerunner 405 GPS-Enabled Sports Watch With Wireless Sync Comes with GPS Syn. Ant Stick, Charging Cable Clip and Watch. Heart Rate Compatible but Monitor Not Included. \$275 OBO 214-261-6352 or 080-6657-9171
Yokota, Japan - Nike - SQ DYMO 2 Driver Nike's next generation of custom-tuned drivers! Square geometry is about straight and long, great sounds, optimal launch by loft, and great looks. A new folded round geometry repositions square mass into a round format for workable distance and control. This club allows you to "swing away." Club head is 9.5 degree with a stiff flex graphite shaft Asking price \$175 OBO Please call Jeff 090-1269-4102 or e-mail jeff.millertine@juno.com
Yokota, Japan - Pro-Form Elliptical Trainer Excellent condition, built in CD player, grip pulse sensor and more. Asking \$450 Please call Theresa 425-274-4350
Yokota, Japan - Taylor Made Fairway Woods and Hybrids 2009 Taylor Made P9 i3 and i5 Fairway Woods with stiff flex haft and premium grip. Rarely used. \$150.00 each 2009 Taylor Made Hybrid #2, 3, 5 with stiff flex shaft \$100.00 each. Call 617-778-9989 or e-mail song.rhim@yokota.a.f.mil

Miscellaneous 1040
Yokota, Japan - Must sell immediately! DIFF. electronics everything is in exc. shape. Nothing wrong w/ anything I kept boxes to all. We have to get rid of everything now before our move. Iluv i166 Stereo iPod Dock w/ Am/Fm/Dual Alarm/more. Black color w/ remote, paid \$70 asking \$35 SPECK See-Thru "red" hard shell cover for 13" Mac-book. Paid \$50 Asking \$10. Iuv i277WHIT-iPod dock w/ A LOT of features w/ remote white color paid \$150 asking \$65 Iluv iMM173 dual docking for iPod/iPhone w/ lots of features/remote black color, Paid \$150, asking \$65 Sony Am/Fm radio w/ CD player/iPod docking/remote/more \$45 please leave message if not home 916-473-4488

Bicycles 220
Yokohama/Negishi - MongOOSE Exile bicycle, 27 speed, 26" tires, yellow in color. Bought in June this year. Ridden to ride to work and on weekend areas. Have owners manual, blue Schwinn bicycle helmet, three key cable lock, light, bell, and extra wide seat installed. Have original seat as well. Asking \$100 OBO. Leaving Japan on 30th - call 269-6291 or 080-4073-8157, email: james.r.guest@us.army.mil or jimguest.injapan@yahoo.com

Found 490
Sagamihara - Found Gameboy DS items at the SHA commissary parking lot on Oct 11th. Please e-mail me at mommaxbox@yahoo.com to send description of items



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SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Sunday
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-College football: Texas at Missouri (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.-Auto racing: NASCAR Nationwide: Kroger On Track For The Cure 250 (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 7 p.m.-College football: Air Force at Utah (dld).
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.-MLB playoffs: AL championship series, L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, Game 6 (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 10 p.m.-College football: TCU at BYU (dld).

Monday
AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m.-NFL: San Francisco at Houston.
AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.-NFL: Minnesota at Pittsburgh.
AFN-Xtra, 2:30 a.m.-Auto racing: NASCAR Sprint Cup Tums Fast Relief 500.
AFN-Atlantic, 5 a.m.-NFL: New Orleans at Miami.
AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.-NFL: Atlanta at Dallas.
AFN-Atlantic, 8 a.m.-NHL: San Jose at Philadelphia.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-MLB playoffs: AL championship series, L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, Game 7, if necessary; or at 9:15 a.m.-NFL: Arizona at N.Y. Giants.
AFN-Xtra, 9:15 a.m.-NFL: Arizona at N.Y. Giants; or at 10 a.m.-NHL: Columbus at Los Angeles.
AFN-Xtra, 1 p.m.-NFL: New England vs. Tampa Bay at London (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.-Ultimate fighting: UFC 104, Lyoto Machida vs. Mauricio "Shogun" Rua at Los Angeles (dld).
AFN-Sports, 4:30 p.m.-NFL: Chicago at Cincinnati (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.-MLB playoffs: AL championship series, L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, Game 7, if necessary; or NFL: Arizona at N.Y. Giants (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 11 p.m.-Ultimate fighting: UFC 104, Lyoto Machida vs. Mauricio "Shogun" Rua at Los Angeles (dld).

Tuesday
AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.-NFL: Arizona at N.Y. Giants (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.-NHL: Minnesota at Chicago.
AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.-NFL: Philadelphia at Washington.
AFN-Xtra, 11:30 a.m.-NHL: Toronto at Anaheim (joined in progress).
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-NHL: Minnesota at Chicago (dld).
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.-NFL: Philadelphia at Washington (dld).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dld) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

College football

Friday's score				
EAST				
Rutgers 27, Army 10				
Service academies				
Friday				
Rutgers 27, Army 10				
Rutgers	17	0	3	7-27
Army	3	0	7	0-10
First Quarter				
Army—FG Carlton 41, 10:40.				
Rut—Martinek 4 run (Te kick), 6:10.				
Rut—FG Te 27, 1:38.				
Rut—Beauharnais 11 blocked punt return (Te kick), :00.				
Third Quarter				
Army—Liggins 17 run (Carlton kick), 10:15.				
Rut—FG Te 41, 6:35.				
Fourth Quarter				
Rut—Martinek 6 run (Te kick), 14:18.				
A—24,098.				
Rushing				
First downs	15	11		
Rushes-yards	40-132	40-197		
Passing	197	16		
Comp-Att-Int	11-22-0	2-9-0		
Return Yards	29	0		
Punts-Avg.	3-40.7	7-32.3		
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	4-3		
Penalties-Yards	6-33	1-10		
Time of Possession	32:40	27:20		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Rutgers, Martinek 25-139, Brooks 4-30, Young 2-4, Lovelace 1-(minus 6), Team 3-(minus 9), T.Brown 1-(minus 10), Savage 4-(minus 16). **Army**, Ehie 8-56, Mealy 8-49, Steelman 15-43, M.Brown 4-29, Liggins 1-17, Gallik 1-4, Bowden 3-(minus 1).
Passing—Rutgers, Savage 10-20-0-164, Lovelace 1-1-0-33, Dellaganna 0-1-0-0. **Army**, Steelman 2-6-0-16, Bowden 0-3-0-0.
Receiving—Rutgers, T.Brown 4-101, Harrison 2-48, Graves 2-26, Sanu 2-9, Martinek 1-13. **Army**, M.Brown 1-21, Hunter 1-(minus 5).

AP spotlight

Oct. 26
1968 — Brooks Dawson of Texas-El Paso completes 17 of 24 passes for 304 yards in the final 10:21 of the fourth quarter as the Miners beat Brigham Young 31-25.

Tennis

Kremlin Cup
Saturday
At Olympic Stadium
Moscow
Purse: Men, \$1.08 million (WT250); Women, \$1 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
Semifinals
Janko Tipsarevic (6), Serbia, def. Iliya Marchenko, Ukraine, 6-1, 6-4.
Mikhail Youzhny (3), Russia, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-2, 6-1.
Women
Semifinals
Francesca Schiavone (8), Italy, def. Alona Bondarenko, Ukraine, 6-4, 6-0.
Olga Govortsova, Belarus, def. Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, 6-2, 6-1.
Doubles
Semifinals
Frantisek Cermak, Czech Republic, and Michal Mertinak (1), Slovakia, def. Rohan Bopanna, India, and Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (5), 10-6 tiebreaker.
Women
Championship
Maria Kirilenko and Nadia Petrova (3), Russia, def. Maria Kondratieva, Russia, and Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2.

Stockholm Open
Saturday
At Kungliga Tennishallen
Stockholm, Sweden
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Purse: \$894,100 (WT250)
Singles
Semifinals
Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, def. Robin Soderling (1), Sweden, walkover.
Olivier Rochus, Belgium, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-3.
Doubles
Semifinals
Bruno Soares, Uruguay, and Kevin Ullyett (1), Zimbabwe, def. Jeff Coetzee, South Africa, and Stephen Huss (4), Australia, 6-4, 7-5.

Luxembourg Open
Saturday
At CK Sportcenter Kockelscheuer
Luxembourg
Purse: \$220,000 (Int'l.)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
Semifinals
Timea Bacsinszky, Switzerland, def. Yanina Wickmayer (5), Belgium, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.
Sabine Lisicki (6), Germany, def. Shahar Peer, Israel, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (5).
Doubles
Semifinals
Iveta Benesova and Barbora Zahlavova Strycova (2), Czech Republic, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues and Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, 6-2, 6-3.
Vladimira Uhlirova and Renata Voracova, Czech Republic, def. Meghann Shaughnessy, United States, and Katarina Srebotnik, Slovenia, 4-6, 6-4, 10-5 tiebreaker.

College hockey

Friday's scores				
EAST				
Bentley 4, Connecticut 3				
Massachusetts 5, Maine 3				
Mass.-Lowell 5, Colgate 3				
Merrimack 5, Vermont 2				
New Hampshire 4, Northeastern 2				
RPI 4, Sacred Heart 3, OT				
Union, N.Y., 4, American Int'l 2				
SOUTH				
W. Michigan 2, Ala.-Huntsville 1				
MIDWEST				
Bemidji St. 3, N. Michigan 3, OT				
Boston College 3, Notre Dame 2				
Denver 3, Minnesota 0				
Ferris St. 5, Robert Morris 4, OT				
Lake Superior St. 3, Ohio St. 2				
Miami (Ohio) 2, Michigan St. 1				
Minn. Duluth 3, St. Cloud St. 3, OT				
Providence 6, Bowling Green 2				
Wisconsin 6, Minn. St., Mankato 0				
FAR WEST				
Air Force 5, Rochester Tech 4				
Colorado College 4, Michigan Tech 1				
North Dakota 5, Alaska-Anchorage 0				
EXHIBITION				
Cornell 7, Windsor 0				
McGill 3, Harvard 3, OT				
Princeton 7, Morrisville 0				

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Six Days
With the
Oakland
Raiders



Golf

Frys.com Open
PGA Tour
Friday
At Grayhawk Golf Club
Scottsdale, Ariz.
Purse: \$5 million
Yardage: 7,125; Par 70
Second Round

Greg Owen 65-64-129 -11
Rickie Fowler 65-64-129 -11
Justin Leonard 66-64-130 -10
Nick O'Hern 63-68-131 -9
Ryan Moore 66-65-131 -9
Chris Stroud 67-65-132 -8
Heath Slocum 64-68-132 -8
Bryce Molder 67-65-132 -8
Tim Clark 68-64-132 -8
Stephen Ames 66-66-132 -8
Mike Weir 66-67-133 -7
Ben Crane 68-65-133 -7
Peter Tomasulo 68-65-133 -7
Jami Lovemark 69-64-133 -7
Rocco Mediate 67-66-133 -7
Webb Simpson 68-65-133 -7
D.J. Trahan 69-64-133 -7
Pat Perez 66-67-133 -7
Tom Lehman 68-65-133 -7
Troy Matteson 72-61-133 -7
Bill Lunde 66-67-133 -7
Scott McCarron 67-67-134 -6
Nicholas Thompson 66-68-134 -6
Steve Lowery 67-67-134 -6
Alex Cejka 67-67-134 -6
Brian Vranesh 68-66-133 -7
Bo Van Pelt 67-68-135 -5
Stuart Appleby 70-65-133 -5
Robert Garrigus 70-65-133 -5
Nathan Green 69-66-135 -5
Mark Wilson 68-67-135 -5
Chad Campbell 68-67-135 -5
Ryan Palmer 69-66-135 -5
Vaughn Taylor 67-68-135 -5
Mike Johnson 70-66-136 -4
Jonathan Byrd 68-68-136 -4
Andres Romero 66-70-136 -4
Billy Mayfair 69-67-136 -4
J.J. Henry 65-71-136 -4
Jeff Klauk 66-70-136 -4
Tom Pernice, Jr. 67-69-136 -4
Paul Goydos 66-70-136 -4
Fred Couples 67-69-136 -4
Ricky Barnes 66-70-136 -4
Tim Herron 68-68-136 -4

AT&T Championship
Champions Tour
Friday
At Oak Hills Country Club
San Antonio
Purse: \$1.7 million
Yardage: 6,735; Par 71 (35-36)
First Round

Keith Clearwater 33-33-66 -5
Russ Cochran 32-34-66 -5
Tom Kite 35-32-67 -4
Andy Bean 35-32-67 -4
Ben Crenshaw 35-32-67 -4
Mark O'Meara 32-35-67 -4
Bob Twary 34-34-68 -3
David Eger 34-34-68 -3
Mike Goodes 35-33-68 -3
Jay Haas 33-35-68 -3
John Cook 33-35-68 -3
Scott Simpson 32-36-68 -3
Craig Stadler 36-32-68 -3
Mike Reid 33-35-68 -3
Tim Simpson 33-35-68 -3
Keith Fergus 33-36-69 -2
Jeff Sluman 35-34-69 -2
Dan Forsman 34-35-69 -2
James Mason 34-35-69 -2
John Morse 36-33-69 -2
Tim Conley 33-36-69 -2
Jeff Roth 37-32-69 -2

Castello Masters
PGA Europe
Saturday
At Club de Campo del Mediterraneo
Castellon, Spain
Purse: \$2.99 million
Yardage: 7,111; Par: 71
Third Round

Michael Jonzon, Sweden 64-68-65-197
Sergio Garcia, Spain 63-68-67-198
Martin Kaymer, Germany 63-67-68-198
Sam Hutsby, England 65-68-66-199
Peter Hanson, Sweden 66-68-66-200
Christian Nilsson, Sweden 69-66-65-200
Robert Allenby, Australia 64-66-71-201
David Drysdale, Scotland 68-68-66-202
Shiv Kapur, Indonesia 67-65-70-202
Martin Lefebvre, Netherlands 71-67-64-202
Jose Maria Olazabal, Spain 65-67-70-202
Andrew Collett, Scotland 70-64-69-203
Jamie Donaldson, Wales 71-67-65-203
Soren Hansen, Denmark 70-68-65-203
Colin Montgomerie, Scotland 70-69-64-203

Deals

Friday's transactions
BASEBALL
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Assigned INF-OF Bobby Scales outright to Iowa (PCL).
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA—Announced the NBA and the National Basketball Referees Association have entered into a new two-year labor agreement.
BOSTON CELTICS—Named Tyrone Lue director of basketball development on Friday.
HOUSTON ROCKETS—Waived G Brent Barry.
MIAMI HEAT—Waived G John Lucas.
OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER—Waived F Mike Harris. Exercised the fourth-year contract options on Kevin Durant and Jeff Green.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS—Recalled LW Matt Beleskey from San Antonio (AHL).
DALLAS STARS—Assigned LW Francis Wathier to Texas (AHL).
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Recalled F Scott Parse from Manchester (AHL). Signed G Jonathan Quick and D Davis Drewiske to three-year contract extensions.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Activated D Mark Fraser from injured reserve.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Loaned F Jesse Winchester to Binghamton (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled D Sean Sullivan from San Antonio (AHL).
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
NEW YORK RED BULLS—Announced the retirement of MF Albert Celades effective at the end of the season.

Pro soccer

MLS						
Eastern Conference						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
y-Columbus	13	6	10	49	41	30
x-Chicago	11	7	12	45	39	34
New England	10	10	9	39	32	37
Toronto FC	10	9	9	39	37	41
D.C.	9	8	12	39	41	42
Kansas City	8	13	8	32	31	40
New York	4	19	6	18	22	47
Western Conference						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Chivas USA	12	8	9	45	32	28
x-Houston	12	8	9	45	36	27
x-Los Angeles	11	6	12	45	34	31
x-Seattle	11	7	11	44	36	28
Colorado	10	9	10	40	42	35
FC Dallas	11	12	6	39	49	45
Real Salt Lake	10	12	7	37	40	35
San Jose	7	13	9	30	36	48
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.						
x- clinched playoff berth						
y- clinched conference						
Thursday's game						
Chicago 1, Chivas USA 0						
Saturday's games						
Toronto FC at New York						
D.C. United at Kansas City						
Colorado at Real Salt Lake						
FC Dallas at Seattle FC						
San Jose at Los Angeles						
Sunday's games						
Houston at Chivas USA						
New England at Columbus						
End of regular season						

Boxing

Fight schedule
Oct. 31
At Las Vegas, Joseph Agbeko, Bronx, N.Y., vs. Yonhy Perez, Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 12, for Agbeko's IBF bantamweight title.
Nov. 7
At XL Center, Hartford, Conn., Chad Dawson, New Haven, Conn., vs. Glen Johnson, Miami, 12, for vacant interim WBC light heavyweight title; Harry Joe Yorgey, Bridgeport, Pa., vs. Alfredo Angulo, Mexico, 10, junior middleweights.
At TBA, Germany, Nikolai Valuev, Russian, vs. David Haye, Britain, 12, for Valuev's WBA heavyweight title.
Nov. 14
At MGM Grand, Las Vegas, Manny Pacquiao, Philippines, vs. Miguel Cotto, Puerto Rico, 12, for the WBO welterweight title.

Auto racing

Tums Fast Relief 500 lineup
NASCAR Sprint Cup
After Friday qualifying; race Sunday
At Martinsville Speedway
Martinsville, Va.
Lap length: .526 miles
(Car number in parentheses)
1. (39) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 96,795.
2. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 96,519.
3. (1) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 96,509.
4. (5) Mark Martin, Chevrolet, 96,504.
5. (00) David Reutimann, Toyota, 96,117.
6. (07) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 96,054.
7. (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, 96,034.
8. (96) Bobby Labonte, Ford, 96,01.
9. (43) Reed Sorenson, Dodge, 95,995.
10. (29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 95,908.
11. (12) David Stremme, Dodge, 95,903.
12. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 95,837.
13. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 95,825.
14. (6) David Ragan, Ford, 95,815.
15. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 95,777.
16. (44) AJ Allmendinger, Dodge, 95,772.
17. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 95,762.
18. (82) Scott Speed, Toyota, 95,607.
19. (33) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 95,578.
20. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 95,574.
21. (42) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 95,545.
22. (31) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 95,501.
23. (26) Jamie McMurray, Ford, 95,477.
24. (83) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 95,429.
25. (37) Travis Kvapil, Dodge, 95,381.
26. (9) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 95,371.
27. (34) John Andretti, Chevrolet, 95,333.
28. (87) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 95,304.
29. (99) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 95,275.
30. (98) Paul Menard, Ford, 95,271.
31. (77) Sam Hornish Jr., Dodge, 95,242.
32. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 95,232.
33. (7) Robby Gordon, Toyota, 95,223.
34. (47) Marcos Ambrose, Toyota, 95,194.
35. (71) David Gilliland, Chevrolet, 95,07.
36. (55) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 94,984.
37. (2) Kurt Busch, Dodge, 94,889.
38. (09) Sterling Marlin, Dodge, 94,789.
39. (66) Dave Blaney, Toyota, 94,689.
40. (19) Elliott Sadler, Dodge, 94,661.
41. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 94,652.
42. (36) Michael McDowell, Toyota, 94,637.
43. (64) Derrike Cope, Toyota, 93,539.
Failed to Qualify
44. (73) Josh Wise, Dodge, 92,443.

Pro basketball

SCOREBOARD, FROM PAGE 24

Pro football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	2	0	.667	163	91
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	114	104
Philadelphia	2	3	0	.400	112	106
Buffalo	2	4	0	.333	93	129

South

Indianapolis	5	0	0	1.000	137	71
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	120	147
Houston	3	3	0	.500	143	137
Tennessee	0	6	0	.000	84	198

North

Cincinnati	4	2	0	.667	118	118
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	140	112
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	169	130
Cleveland	1	5	0	.167	69	148

West

Denver	6	0	0	1.000	133	66
San Diego	2	3	0	.400	124	136
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	62	139
Kansas City	1	5	0	.167	98	144

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East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	1	0	.833	178	119
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	122	98
Philadelphia	3	2	0	.600	136	99
Washington	2	4	0	.333	79	96

South

New Orleans	5	0	0	1.000	192	93
Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	123	77
Carolina	2	3	0	.400	85	125
Tampa Bay	0	6	0	.000	89	168

North

Minnesota	6	0	0	1.000	189	121
Green Bay	3	2	0	.600	130	93
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	119	99
Detroit	1	5	0	.167	103	188

West

San Francisco	3	2	0	.600	112	98
Arizona	2	2	0	.500	112	92
Seattle	2	4	0	.333	118	109
St. Louis	0	6	0	.000	54	169

Sunday's games

New England vs. Tampa Bay at London

Minnesota at Pittsburgh

San Francisco at Houston

Indianapolis at St. Louis

San Diego at Kansas City

Green Bay at Cleveland

Buffalo at Carolina

N.Y. Jets at Oakland

Atlanta at Dallas

Chicago at Cincinnati

New Orleans at Miami

Arizona at N.Y. Giants

Open: Denver, Seattle, Detroit, Jacksonville, Baltimore, Tennessee

Monday's game

Philadelphia at Washington

Sunday, Nov. 1

St. Louis at Detroit

Miami at N.Y. Jets

Seattle at Dallas

Cleveland at Chicago

Denver at Baltimore

Houston at Buffalo

San Francisco at Indianapolis

N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia

Oakland at San Diego

Jacksonville at Tennessee

Minnesota at Green Bay

Carolina at Arizona

Open: New England, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Kansas City, Washington, Tampa Bay

Monday, Nov. 2

Atlanta at New Orleans

NFL injury report

NEW YORK — The updated National Football League injury report, as provided by the league:

SUNDAY

CHICAGO BEARS at CINCINNATI Bengals — BEARS: OUT: LB Pisa Tinoismaoa (knee). DOUBTFUL: DT Tommie Harris (knee). RB Adrian Peterson (knee). PROBABLE: S Josh Bullocks (ankle), CB Corey Graham (ankle), LB Hunter Hillenmeyer (rib), DT Israel Idonije (knee), S Kevin Payne (toe). BENGALS: OUT: T Andre Smith (foot). DOUBTFUL: S Roy Williams (forearm). QUESTIONABLE: DT Jonathan Fanene (illness), WR Chris Henry (illness). PROBABLE: TE Daniel Coats (shoulder), DT Tank Johnson (foot), RB Brian Leonard (groin), WR Chad Ochocinco (hip), DT Domata Peko (knee), DE Frostee Rucker (ankle), DT Pat Sims (biceps).

GREEN BAY PACKERS at CLEVELAND Browns — PACKERS: OUT: RB Korey Hall (calf), WR Jordy Nelson (knee), T Mark Tauscher (knee), DE Jarius Wynn (hamstring). DOUBTFUL: T Chad Clifton (ankle), C Jason Spitz (back). QUESTIONABLE: LB Brandon Chillar (neck). PROBABLE: WR Greg Jennings (hip), RB Quinn Johnson (ankle), DT B.J. Raji (ankle), QB Aaron Rodgers (foot). BROWNS: DOUBTFUL: K Phil Dawson (right calf), TE Steve Heiden (knee). QUESTIONABLE: DE Kenyon Coleman (groin), WR Joshua Cribbs (knee), G Rex Hadnot (knee), TE Robert Royal (illness, hamstring, finger), DT Corey Williams (illness), CB Eric Wright (shoulder). PROBABLE: QB Derek Anderson (ankle), LB Eric Barton (shoulder), LB David Bowens (knee), C Alex Mack (illness), CB Anthony Madison (illness), CB Brandon McDonald (shoulder), S Brodney Pool (illness), DT Shaun Rogers (illness, foot), DE Robaire Smith (calf), WR Chansi Stuckey (illness), LB Jason Trusnik (illness), RB Lawrence Vickers (illness), LB Kamerion Wimbley (illness), G Floyd Womack (ankle), P Dave Zastudil (right knee).

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS at HOUSTON Texans — 49ERS: OUT: QB Nate Davis (illness), S Michael Lewis (concussion), CB Reggie Smith (groin). PROBABLE: CB Tarell Brown (illness), RB Frank Gore (foot, ankle), CB Marcus Hudson (shoulder), DE Ray McDonald (ankle). TEXANS: OUT: S Nick Ferguson (knee). DOUBTFUL:

LB Jamie Winborn (calf). QUESTIONABLE: LB Brian Cushing (foot), DE Mario Williams (shoulder). PROBABLE: K Kris Brown (left ankle), S Bernard Pollard (illness), LB DeMeco Ryans (chest).

SA DIEGO CHARGERS at KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — CHARGERS: OUT: C Nick Hardwick (ankle). DOUBTFUL: LB Kevin Burnett (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: CB Antonio Cromartie (knee), WR Buster Davis (illness), RB Jacob Hester (illness), NT Travis Johnson (groin). PROBABLE: LB Stephen Cooper (knee), DE Vaughn Martin (ankle), LB Stephen Taylor (illness, foot), P Mike Scifres (groin), RB LaDainian Tomlinson (illness), LB Jyles Tucker (illness), G Louis Vasquez (knee). CHIEFS: QUESTIONABLE: T Brandon Albert (ankle). PROBABLE: T Ryan O'Callaghan (shoulder), S Jarrad Page (shoulder), G Brian Waters (ankle).

MINNESOTA VIKINGS at PITTSBURGH STEELERS — VIKINGS: DOUBTFUL: WR Darius Reynaud (hamstring), CB Antoine Winfield (foot). QUESTIONABLE: S Hines Abdullah (back), WR Percy Harvin (shoulder), S Madieu Williams (quadri-cer), PROBABLE: LB Sam Houston (illness), T Phil Loadholt (ankle), RB Adrian Peterson (ankle). STEELERS: QUESTIONABLE: LB Andre Frazier (thigh), PROBABLE: RB Rashard Mendenhall (knee), S Troy Polamalu (ankle).

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS at ST. LOUIS RAMS — COLTS: OUT: WR Anthony Gonzalez (knee), CB Marlin Jackson (knee), K Adam Vinatieri (right knee). QUESTIONABLE: CB Tim Jennings (calf), LB Freddy Keiaho (illness), G Jamey Richard (illness), RB Chad Simms (illness). RAMS: QUESTIONABLE: DE James Landry (groin), CB Justin King (groin), WR Russell Martin (hamstring). PROBABLE: WR Donnie Avery (hip), S James Butler (knee), G Richie Incognito (ankle).

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS vs. TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS at London — PATRIOTS: OUT: WR Julian Edelman (forearm). PROBABLE: LB Rob Ninkovic (ankle), RB Sammie Morris (knee), RB Fred Taylor (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: CB Darius Butler (ankle), C Dan Connolly (knee), CB Shawn Springs (knee). PROBABLE: QB Tom Brady (right shoulder), S Brandon Meriweather (foot), WR Randy Phillips (fracture), James Sanders (shoulder). BUCCANERS: QUESTIONABLE: WR Michael Clayton (hamstring), RB Clifton Smith (concussion). PROBABLE: DT Chris Hovan (ankle), LB Barrett Ruud (elbow), DT Ryan Sims (hand), CB Aqib Talib (hamstring).

BUFFALO BILLS at ATLANTA PATRIOTS — BILLS: OUT: QB Trent Edwards (head), S Bryan Scott (ankle), T Jonathan Scott (ankle), S Donte Whitner (ankle). DOUBTFUL: TE Shawn Nelson (illness). QUESTIONABLE: DT Kyle Williams (shoulder). PROBABLE: DE Chris Kelsay (eye), CB Terrence Kummb (knee), P Ryan Mundy (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: LB Thomas Davis (hamstring), LB Nat'l Diggins (rib), RB Brad Hoover (back), K Rhys Lloyd (right ankle), RB Jonathan Stewart (Achilles).

NEW YORK JETS at OAKLAND RAIDERS — JETS: OUT: WR Jerricho Cotchery (hamstring), LB Phillip Sheppard (quadri-cer). WR Brad Smith (quadri-cer). QUESTIONABLE: CB Donald Strickland (ankle), T Damien Woody (foot). PROBABLE: WR Braylon Edwards (quadri-cer), DE Shaun Ellis (knee), LB David Harris (wrist), LB Larry Izzo (hamstring), LB Marques Murray (head), S Kerry Rhodes (knee), LB Bryan Thomas (wrist), WR Wallace Wright (knee). RAIDERS: OUT: LB Ricky Brown (ankle), G Robert Gallery (fibula), T Cornell Green (calf), RB Darren McFadden (knee), WR Nick Miller (scin). QUESTIONABLE: DE Greg Ellis (knee), WR Chaz Schellens (foot), C Andre Borel (concussion). PROBABLE: CB Nnamdi Asomugha (eye), G Cooper Carlisle (ankle), RB Luke Lawton (ankle), TE Brandon Myers (illness).

ATLANTA FALCONS at DALLAS COWBOYS — FALCONS: OUT: S Antoine Harris (ankle), DOUBTFUL: WR Stephen Gostkowski (hamstring), RB Jerious Norwood (hip). QUESTIONABLE: RB Ovie Mughelli (calf). PROBABLE: TE Justin Peelle (ankle), RB Michael Turner (chest). COWBOYS: PROBABLE: RB Marion Barber (thigh/thumb), T Marc Colombo (ankle), G Travis Thomas (calf), C Andre Gandy (knee), S Michael Hamlin (wrist), LB Curtis Johnson (hamstring), RB Felix Jones (knee), S Gerald Sensabaugh (thumb), LB DeMarcus Ware (foot), WR Roy Williams (ribs).

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS at MIAMI DOLPHINS — QUESTIONABLE: LB Scott Fujita (calf), CB Malcolm Jenkins (ankle). PROBABLE: LB Jonathan Cannon (hips), DE Jeff Charleston (rib), G Jahiri Evans (toe), LB Jason Kyle (knee, ankle), P Thomas Morstead (right ankle), TE Jeremy Shockey (shoulder), RB Leigh Tappin (hamstring). DOLPHINS: No injuries.

ARIZONA CARDINALS at NEW YORK GIANTS — CARDINALS: OUT: TE Stephen Spach (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: WR Anquan Boldin (ankle), RB Beanie Wells (hip). PROBABLE: WR Steve Breaston (ankle), RB Marlon Moore (knee), RB Tori Novak (groin), RB Rodgers-Cromartie (finger), G Reggie Wells (thumb). GIANTS: OUT: LB Michael Boley (knee), DT Chris Canty (calf), CB Aaron Ross (hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: T Kareem McKenzie (groin). PROBABLE: RB Ahmad Bradshaw (ankle), RB Mario Manningham (ankle), WR Mario Manningham (back), LB Antonio Pierce (back), G Rich Seubert (shoulder), RB Danny Ware (elbow).

MONDAY

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES at WASHINGTON REDSKINS — EAGLES: OUT: DE Victor Butler (ankle), WR Kevin Curry (knee), LB Omar Gaither (foot), CB Dimitri Patterson (quadri-cer, hand). REDSKINS: No injuries.



MIKE GROLL/AP

Army quarterback Chip Bowden is sacked by Rutgers' Eric LeGrand (52) and Alex Silvestro during the fourth quarter of Friday's game in West Point, N.Y. Rutgers beat Army for the sixth straight time, 27-10.

Service academies

Rutgers clamps down on Army

Black Knights drop 12th straight against Big East

By JOHN KEKIS
The Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — When the game was on the line, the Rutgers defense stepped up.

Joe Martinek scored twice on short runs, linebacker Steve Beauharnais scored off his own blocked punt, and the Scarlet Knights forced fumbles on consecutive series late in the third quarter to break Army's momentum on their way to a 27-10 victory on Friday night at rainswept Michie Stadium.

"I felt we were playing good football when we blocked the punt for a touchdown," Rutgers coach Greg Schiano said. "The first drive is always difficult against an option team. When you go against a team that runs this (offense), they know the adjustments, then it's punch-counterpunch. I think the takeaways were critical."

It was the sixth straight victory for Rutgers (5-2) over Army (3-5) and evened the series at 18-18. The Black Knights have lost 12 straight games against Big East teams since beating Rutgers 37-35 in 1997.

Thanks to a stout front line that afforded plenty of protection from Army's swarming defense, freshman quarterback Tom Savage guided Rutgers to a 17-3 halftime lead with big plays: a 32-yard completion in the first quarter to Mark Harrison that set up Martinek's 4-yard run, and a 48-yard pass to Tim Brown that was followed by San San Te's 27-yard field goal.

But when Rutgers faked a punt and failed on fourth-and-12 at the Army 40 on the first series of the third quarter, the Black Knights came alive.

Patrick Mealy took a pitch right for 22 yards and Rutgers defensive tackle Scott Vallone, who was shaken up briefly moments earlier, jumped offside twice in a row to give Army a first down. Lonnie Liggins then scored up the middle to make it 17-10, and the momentum was starting to swing.

"It wasn't a matter of sticking with them. We believed we could win," Army defensive tackle Mike Gann said. "It just came down to missed tackles and lost fumbles."

Rutgers entered the game ranked second in the nation with a plus-2 turnover margin and its stellar defense came alive when it mattered most.

After Te's 41-yard field goal boosted Rutgers' lead to 20-10 with 6:35 left in the third, Army, which crossed midfield only once in the first half, drove to the Rutgers 34 and seemed poised for another score. But George Johnson forced a fumble by Kingsley Ehie and Alex Silvestro recovered for the Scarlet Knights.

"We're gaining on it, but we can't take a step forward and two steps back. It won't work," Army coach Rich Ellerson said. "It's just us. There's nothing magical about it. The negative plays just killed us."

Army forced a three-and-out, but Brad Gallik of the Cadets fumbled and Khaseem Greene recovered for the Scarlet Knights

at the Army 37. Savage completed a 28-yard pass to tight end Shamar Graves on the first play of the fourth quarter, setting up Martinek's 6-yard TD run.

Savage finished 10 of 20 for 164 yards to become just the second freshman quarterback in Rutgers history to win a road game. Ryan Cubit won his first road game at Buffalo in 2001 in his first career start.

"I know I missed a lot of open guys. I feel like I took a step today getting a 'W' in that first away game," Savage said. "When I was walking out there, I kind of got the chills a little bit. It just didn't feel real to me."

Army scored first for the seventh time this season. Trent Steelman hit Malcolm Brown for 21 yards and Ehie had a 26-yard run up the middle on a third-and-9 play to set up Alex Carlton's 41-yard field goal.

The Scarlet Knights, ranked 11th nationally in rushing defense, allowing just 91.5 yards per game, gave up 197 on the ground to Army's triple option. But the Black Knights only converted 1 of 11 third downs, punted seven times, and scored only one offensive touchdown for the fifth straight game.

"We're getting there," Steelman said. "We just have to finish. We're moving the ball. It's just a matter of finishing. It's just one block here or there."

Martinek had 139 yards rushing and Brown had four catches for 101 yards to pace Rutgers.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: AP TOP 25

Emotional UConn can't pull it off



MICHAEL SWITZER/AP

Connecticut's Andre Dixon and Kashif Moore enter Mountaineer Field carrying the helmet and jersey of slain teammate Jasper Howard before Saturday's game against No. 22 West Virginia. Howard was stabbed to death early last Sunday outside a dance.

A week after player's fatal stabbing, Huskies fall to No. 22 W. Virginia

By JOHN RABY
The Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Noel Devine's 56-yard touchdown run in the closing minutes lifted No. 22 West Virginia to a 28-24 victory over Connecticut on Saturday in the Huskies' first game since the fatal stabbing of cornerback Jasper Howard.

Devine ran for 171 of his 178 yards in the second half as West Virginia (6-1, 2-0 Big East) overcame the inspired play of the Huskies (4-3, 1-2).

Howard was stabbed to death last Sunday outside a university-sponsored dance. Teammates Andre Dixon and Kashif Moore carried Howard's helmet and jersey from the locker room before kickoff, and fans from both teams displayed signs in his memory.

Connecticut coach Randy Edsall planned to fly his team to Howard's funeral Monday in Miami.

"I just feel empty," Edsall said. "The kids played their hearts out and did what we asked them to do. This is a special group of kids. We've got to take this and just learn how to play like this all the time."

Connecticut outplayed West Virginia most of the game and outgained the Mountaineers 501 yards to 387. Eventually, Connecticut was done in by its second-half miscues. David Teggart missed two field-goal attempts, and a fumble and three interceptions ended promising drives.

West Virginia's Jarrett Brown, returning from a mild concussion last week against Marshall, ran for one score and threw for one. He also threw the lead block that sprang Devine on a 62-yard run late in the third quarter, setting up Brown's 1-yard TD toss to Tyler Urban.

Kent Richardson returned one of the interceptions 47 yards but fumbled the ball away deep in Connecticut territory. Cody Endres then threw his second TD pass of the game, an 84-yarder to Marcus Easley that put the Huskies ahead 24-21 with 3:50 left in the game.

After Devine hugged the right sideline on the go-ahead scoring run with 2:10 left that held up upon review, Connecticut drove to the West Virginia 33, where Chris Neild intercepted Endres' fourth-down pass.

It marked the third time this season that Connecticut couldn't hold a late lead.

No. 11 Georgia Tech 34, Virginia 9: At Charlottesville, Va., Georgia Tech ran around in the pouring rain. The Yellow Jackets also ran over, under and through the Virginia defense, breaking tackles and burning up the clock, dispatching the last team with an unbeaten record in Atlantic Coast Conference play Saturday.

Georgia Tech rushed for 362 yards against the Cavaliers in taking charge of the Coastal Division.

Josh Nesbitt ran for 82 yards and threw for 85, but he attempted only two passes in Georgia Tech's four touchdown drives:

- A 10-play, 60-yard march in the second quarter.

- An 18-play, 82-yard march that took up the first 10:47 of the third quarter.

- An 11-play, 66-yard put-the-game-away possession in the fourth.

- A didn't-really-matter 10-play, 71-yard drive near the end.

Georgia Tech (7-1, 5-1) broke an eight-game Charlottesville losing streak, winning at Virginia for the first time since 1990, the year the Yellow Jackets claimed a share of the national title. The Cavaliers (3-4, 2-1) had a three-game winning streak snapped, a run that followed a 0-3 record that had fans calling for coach Al Groh's job.

The Yellow Jackets entered the game second in the nation with an average of 286.1 yards rushing, and the option churned out even more against the Cavaliers. Penalties and bobbled balls stymied the offense early, but Nesbitt, Jonathan Dwyer (125 yards) and Anthony Allen (103) ultimately proved too quick and too strong for Virginia's defense.

Nesbitt and Allen each had a 1-yard touchdown run, Allen also scored on a 20-yard scamper and Nesbitt on a 2-yard run, and Scott Blair kicked two field goals for the Yellow Jackets.

Virginia's scoring came on three field goals by Robert Randolph. The Cavaliers failed to make the most of excellent field position in the first half, settling for three points instead of seven on back-to-back drives that began in Georgia Tech territory.

The wet day made for messy football. Georgia Tech had three penalties and had burned two timeouts before the game was seven minutes old. The Yellow Jackets also fumbled three times in the first quarter: a muffed punt they were lucky to recover, a dropped snap to the upback that doomed a fake punt attempt, and a no-one-touched-bobble by Nesbitt that was recovered by the Cavaliers.

Oklahoma State 34, Baylor 7: At Waco, Texas, Zac Robinson completed 23 of 27 passes for 250 yards and three touchdowns as Oklahoma State stretched its winning streak to five games.

The Cowboys (6-1, 3-0 Big 12), who have won their past four games without injured running back Kendall Hunter or suspended receiver Dez Bryant, led 10-0 after their first two possessions. They made it 24-0 on Robinson's 19-yard pass to Cooper Bassett that capped an 87-yard drive to open the second half.

Baylor (3-4, 0-3) has scored only 24 points in its Big 12 games. The Bears are 1-3 since standout sophomore quarterback Robert Griffin tore a ligament in his right knee a month ago. Oklahoma State, which plays No. 3 Texas at home next weekend, was again just fine without its top running back and top receiver from last season.

Robinson's 85-percent completion percentage was the best for an Oklahoma State quarterback with at least 20 attempts, breaking the record his coach, Mike Gundy, set by hitting 27 of 35 passes (77 percent) against Kansas in 1989. Bobby Reid was 9 of 10 in a game against Baylor three years ago.

Keith Toston ran for 109 yards and a 1-yard TD on 15 carries, and Beau Johnson added 93 yards on 22 carries.

— The Associated Press

No. 18 Ohio State, Minnesota 7: At Columbus, Ohio, Terrelle Pryor threw two touchdown passes and ran for a score for the Buckeyes.

A week after a devastating 26-18 loss at two-touchdown underdog Purdue, the Buckeyes (6-2, 4-1 Big Ten) made Minnesota (4-4, 2-3) pay for its bad plays. The Golden Gophers had two major misplays in the secondary and two turnovers inside their 20.

Pryor said he was a new man after four turnovers against Purdue. He played better against Minnesota, but it was difficult to tell how much because the Gophers made so many costly mistakes.

Pryor connected on 13 of 25 passes for 239 yards with one interception. He also ran for 104 yards on 15 carries.

Minnesota didn't offer much resistance, running its scoreless streak to 136:23 before MarQueis Gray's 16-yard touchdown pass to Troy Stoudemire late in the game.

Trailing 7-0 through two quarters, the Golden Gophers started making mistakes. They gave Ohio State the ball at the Minnesota 15 after Stoudemire fumbled a short kick to start the second half. Three plays later, Pryor bolted around right end off a nice play-fake to score on a 15-yard run.

Then Gophers quarterback Adam Weber lost a fumble at his 22, leading to freshman Jordan Hall scoring on an 11-yard run. Hall replaced tailback Brandon Saine, who left because of a concussion.

After a Minnesota punt, a foul-up in coverage led to Pryor's 57-yard touchdown pass to wide-open DeVier Posey.

The two had hooked up on a 62-yard score in the second quarter when another gaffe in the secondary left Posey unguarded 10 yards behind the defense.

Minnesota played most of the game without top receiver Eric Decker, who hobbled off the field in the first quarter and didn't return due to a recurring ankle injury.

The Gophers had four turnovers, eight penalties and numerous other miscues.

Weber was 10 for 23 for just 112 yards with two interceptions, and his fellow quarterback, Gray, was 5-for-6 for 51 yards. They were sacked four times for 21 yards in losses and were harassed most of the day.

No. 20 Pitt 41, South Florida 14: At Pittsburgh, Bill Stull threw for two touchdowns, Dion Lewis ran for two and Pitt scored on all five possessions in the first half to post its best record after eight games in 27 years.

The Panthers (4-0 Big East) are 7-1 for the first time since 1982 — Dan Marino's senior season and the last time Pitt was No. 1. They made this one look easy as Stull completed his first 11 passes against a Bulls defense that appeared geared to stopping Lewis at the start, before he took over and ran for 111 yards in three quarters to push his season total to 1,029 yards.

Lewis entered the game No. 3 nationally in rushing with a 131 yards a game. He was pulled along with most of the Panthers' regulars with Pitt ahead 34-7. Lewis, who has five 100-yard games, is only the fourth Pitt freshman to rush for at least 1,000 yards in a season, joining Tony Dorsett (1973), Curvin Richards (1988) and LeSean McCoy (2007).

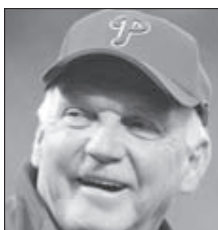
South Florida (5-2, 1-2) repeatedly hurt itself early with penalties — the Big East's most-penalized team drew the game's first eight penalties and ended with 71 penalty yards — and never got into an offensive rhythm, partly because Pitt kept scoring so quickly.

The Bulls have been outscored 75-31 in losses to Cincinnati and Pitt after moving into the Top 25 two weeks ago. The Bulls had as many penalty yards (40) as offensive yards (40) late in the first quarter and ended up getting outgained 486-212.

Stull, whose senior season statistics exceeded Marino's in 1982, hit Jonathan Baldwin for completions of 40, 34 and 35 yards.

— The Associated Press

5 things for the Phillies to ponder



Charlie Manuel

Even while spraying champagne and dumping tall-boy cans of beer on each other's heads, they looked through their goggles and talked about unfinished business.

Even while standing on the field as fireworks cracked overhead and thousands cheered themselves hoarse, they mentioned the goal that remains.

Even while taking justified pride in all they've accomplished to this point, they were already looking forward to the task ahead.

Seven clinching celebrations in just more than a calendar year has inevitably changed the Phillies. It used to be that the players talked about savoring the moment today and turning their attention to the next opponent tomorrow. That gap has shortened and now seems to have disappeared entirely. One more step, they said, almost in unison, almost as if reading from a script, even while jubilation erupted all around them.

Back to business, then. The World Series begins Wednesday. The clubhouse presumption was that they would inevitably collide with the lordly New York Yankees. It doesn't get any easier.

Here's a look at five areas the National League champions must ponder:

■ **MANAGING DOWN TIME:** Baseball is a grind. Players become attuned, body and mind, to coming to work almost every day.

Now, suddenly, the Phillies will have six days without their competitive adrenaline flowing. There is an advantage to getting some rest, of course, especially for relief pitchers. The danger is slipping into offseason mode and then being unable to flip the switch when play gears up again.

What the Phillies have going for them is that their break is virtually identical to what they endured last year between finishing off the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NLCS and opening against the Tampa Bay Rays in the World Series.

■ **WHO STARTS GAME 2?** There has been no announcement of the Phillies' rotation, but there is approximately a zero chance that left-hander Cliff Lee won't be on the mound for Game 1.

After that, it gets dicey.

As recently as Wednesday afternoon, it almost certainly would have been left-hander Cole Hamels, based on his reputation and the credentials he earned through a remarkable playoff run last October. But he's been less than ordinary in the playoffs this year, an enigma who lasted just 4 1/3 innings in the clinching game against the Dodgers in Game 5.

J.A. Happ? For a long time this summer he was the Phillies' best pitcher. But shuttling back and forth between the rotation and bullpen hasn't seemed to agree with him.

Or maybe manager Charlie Manuel would prefer to start a righthander since the Yankees were 67-41 (.620) compared to 36-18 (.667) against lefties.

Pedro Martinez is a big-game pitcher who came up big at Dodger Stadium, making his first start in 2 1/2 weeks. Of course, that was in warm weather. And not in a city where his 2004 quote, "I just tip my cap and call the Yankees my daddy," won't be thrown back in his face.

Joe Blanton? In his only playoff start this season he buzzed through the Dodgers' lineup the first time through ... and then was constantly in trouble after that.

There are no easy answers here.

■ **GHOSTS:** Asked about facing the tradition-rich Yankees before the 2001 World Series, Arizona Diamondbacks righthander Curt Schilling scoffed, "Mystique and Aura? Those are dancers in a nightclub."

Point taken. But the Yankees, with their classic uniforms, bloated payroll and 26 world championships, do project a certain air of invincibility.

Opponents must remember that the Bronx Bombers are a very good team and nothing more, that they are not unbeatable. The Phillies should be largely immune to falling under that pinstriped spell. They see them several times during spring training, have played them in interleague play and, in fact, beat New York two of three at the new Yankee Stadium in May.

■ **CC SABATHIA:** Yes, the Phillies beat him in the Division Series last year when he pitched for the Milwaukee Brewers, scoring five runs in 3 2/3 innings against the hefty lefty. Yes, he was 2-3 with a 7.92 career playoff ERA before this season.

That was then. This year he's 3-0, 1.19. And with a proven ability to pitch effectively on short rest, he could potentially get three starts.

■ **THE BULLPEN:** Will the real Brad Lidge please stand up? Is it the closer who had a major league-leading 11 blown saves during the regular season? Or the one who hasn't allowed a run in the playoffs?

Regardless, the Phillies have to feel better about their 'pen now than they did at the start of the playoffs. And not just because of Lidge. Scott Eyre has a bone chip floating around in his elbow and had to be considered a question mark. Since getting a cortisone shot, though, he's been able to contribute. Chad Durbin was uncensored upon in four NLCS appearances. And Chan Ho Park came back from injury to throw well against the Dodgers.

The clubhouse carpets have been cleaned, the confetti swept up. The Phillies, off Thursday, worked out Friday.

— Paul Hagen, Philadelphia Daily News



Brad Lidge

MLB PLAYOFFS

Phils' gamble pays off

Werth develops into a powerful presence in lineup

By ROB MAADDI

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Jason Werth, he of the long, scraggly blonde hair, scruffy face and slender frame, looks more like a surfer than a power hitter.

It's easy to overlook Werth in the Philadelphia Phillies' potent lineup. Ryan Howard and Jimmy Rollins are former MVPs, Chase Utley is a perennial All-Star, and Shane Victorino gets plenty of attention for his energy.

But Werth fits right in with all the big boppers. Given the chance to play every day, the right fielder had a breakout year. He's carried his success into the playoffs, helping the defending champions reach the World Series for the second straight year.

Werth batted .268 with 36 homers, 99 RBIs and 20 steals, earning a trip to the All-Star game in his first full season as a regular. He's hitting .281 with five homers and 10 RBIs in nine playoff games.

"Ever since he came to Philly, he's been getting better," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "The numbers that you see, to me he's more capable. I think he can even do better, because I think he's getting more consistent in his at-bats and his pitch selection."

Werth's emergence has made it difficult for opponents to pitch around Howard, who was MVP of the NL championship series against Los Angeles.

With Werth batting in the No. 5 spot, Howard has received just one intentional walk in the playoffs. Pitching to either slugger has been a mistake.

"I like hitting behind Howie, even though it seems like there's no one on base hitting fifth," Werth said, referring to Howard's RBI ability. "But it's exciting. I get to drive in a lot of runs and be a big part of the lineup right in the middle of it. It's a lot of fun, especially with this team."

Werth is one of the most patient hitters in baseball. He had 91 walks in the regular season and led the majors in averaging 4.5 pitches per plate appearance.

Werth, 6-foot-5 and 222 pounds, has long arms and long legs, which helps his plate coverage. He can hit for power to the opposite field, with 21 homers to center or right.

"As long as he stays in what I call a strong, balanced hitting position, this guy, he is legit, man," Manuel said. "He's got a lot of power, and he hits the ball all over the field. He's got pull power, and he can hit the ball to right field, center field, and he's developed into a very tremendous right fielder. He's been a big addition to our team, and he plays a big part in our success."

Werth was one of former Phillies general manager Pat Gillick's best finds. After sitting out the 2006 season because of a wrist



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Jayson Werth is right at home in the middle of the Philadelphia Phillies' power-hitting lineup. He's hit five homers in the NL playoffs.

injury, Werth signed a one-year deal for \$850,000.

He played well in a part-time role in '07 and platooned with Geoff Jenkins for most of '08 until taking over every day down the stretch. Werth finished last year with a .273 average, 24 homers, 67 RBIs and 20 steals. He boosted his average to .309 in the playoffs and signed a \$10 million, two-year contract in January.

Before he came to the Phillies, Werth's career was in jeopardy because of the wrist injury. He spent a few months during the summer of '06 wondering if he'd ever play again.

"There was a time where I didn't know where I was at as far as my injury and what was going to happen," Werth said. "I was sitting at home in Illinois, fishing off my boat, not having any idea what was going to happen. Baseball was done unless something got taken care of."

Werth was injured while playing for the Dodgers in 2005. His left wrist was broken in spring training by a pitch from A.J. Burnett. Werth played 102 games despite the injury, but his numbers dropped significantly. The wrist problems lingered in '06 and he couldn't play. Werth finally went to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and Dr. Richard Berger diagnosed the injury as a split tear

of the UT ligament in his wrist.

"I was really hoping that the guys at Mayo Clinic knew what they were doing, and they did," Werth said. "They diagnosed it and they did the surgery, and really it was not that big a deal, although it was very rare. I saw Dr. Berger was the only doctor at the time diagnosing and repairing my injury."

League Championship Series

(Best-of-seven)

American League

NEW YORK vs. LOS ANGELES

New York 4, Los Angeles 1

New York 4, Los Angeles 3, 13 innings

Los Angeles 5, New York 4, 11 innings

New York 10, Los Angeles 1

Thursday: Los Angeles 7, New York 6

New York leads series 3-2

Saturday: Los Angeles (J.Saunders 16-7) at New York (Pettitte 14-8)

Sunday: Los Angeles (Jer.Weaver 16-8) at New York (Sabathia 19-8)*

National League

PHILADELPHIA 4, LOS ANGELES 1

Philadelphia 8, Los Angeles 6

Los Angeles 2, Philadelphia 1

Philadelphia 11, Los Angeles 0

Philadelphia 5, Los Angeles 4

Philadelphia 10, Los Angeles 4

World Series

(Best-of-seven)

PHILADELPHIA vs. AMERICAN LEAGUE

Wednesday, Oct. 28: Philadelphia at American League

Thursday, Oct. 29: Philadelphia at AL

Saturday, Oct. 31: AL at Philadelphia

Sunday, Nov. 1: AL at Philadelphia

Monday, Nov. 2: AL at Philadelphia

Wednesday, Nov. 4: Philadelphia at AL

Thursday, Nov. 5: Philadelphia at AL*

*—if necessary

NFL

Brady: Silencing doubters not at top of '07 MVP's to-do list



Philadelphia Eagles running back Brian Westbrook, right, carried only six times in last week's 13-9 loss to the Oakland Raiders.

PAUL SAKUMA/AP

Eagles, Redskins hoping to avoid embarrassment

By JOSEPH WHITE
The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — Surely there's no way the Philadelphia Eagles will lose to one of the NFL's most dysfunctional franchises, even if the game is on the road.

Oh, wait. They just did that. A week after laying a 13-9 egg against the Oakland Raiders, the Eagles (3-2) have another potential letdown game against the Washington Redskins (2-4). The Monday nighter has prime-time slaughter written all over it, with the Redskins coming off a distraction-filled week following the front office's decision to strip coach Jim Zorn of play-calling duties.

That is, unless the Eagles reproduce their lackadaisical, pass-too-much game plan from Oakland.

"I felt embarrassed," quarterback Donovan McNabb said. "When you get embarrassed, you don't want to get embarrassed again, so you are going to do whatever it takes to erase that and make sure that you turn a negative into a positive."

The Eagles should be naturally more fired-up to face the Redskins, a familiar division rival. It's a short road trip, and thousands of Philadelphia fans always find ways to get tickets. Plus, no one wants to look bad on Monday night, when the rest of the league is watching.

"You can go against the worst team in the league," running back Brian Westbrook said. "But if you don't go out there and execute your game plan, and if you have errors and sacks and turnovers

and things like that, you can lose a game."

A focused Eagles team would not be good news for the Redskins. All the week's turmoil in Washington has been a mental drain, and coaches and players have to find a way to keep the blinders on.

"If we don't do our job, it'll get really ugly," secondary coach Jerry Gray said. "We can't focus on what else is happening."

The front office alleviated much uncertainty Friday when executive vice president of football operations Vinny Cerrato announced that Zorn would remain the coach through at least the end of the season.

Of course, that doesn't instantly make the Redskins a good team. Their only victories this season have come over the St. Louis Rams and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, both now 0-6. The Eagles are the first team they've played that isn't winless.

Both teams spent the week dealing with play-calling issues. The Eagles abandoned the run against the Raiders, throwing 46 passes and allowing six sacks. Westbrook ran for 50 yards, but he had only six carries.

The Redskins went to greater extremes. With the offense yet to score more than 17 points in a game this season, Zorn was told to yield his treasured play-calling duties to newcomer Sherm Lewis, a consultant hired by the front office less than three weeks ago.

Players and coaches were taken aback by the news. Zorn, already on the hot seat, said it will feel "very awkward" strolling the sidelines not calling the plays.

BRADY, FROM BACK PAGE

then he threw a total of two touchdown passes in the next two games, both victories. The following week, Brady overthrew wide-open Randy Moss in the end zone, then lost a fumble with 1:37 left in regulation and lost to his former offensive coordinator, Denver Broncos head coach Josh McDaniels, 20-17 in overtime.

Doubters sounded off. Would he ever be the Brady of old?

Silencing them wasn't a priority for the two-time Super Bowl MVP who was the regular-season MVP in 2007, when he threw an NFL-record 50 touchdown passes.

"I don't know if I'd approach it like that, or look at it like that," Brady said. "I think it's a long season and we've played in some games where we've executed well. We've played some games that we haven't executed so well. I'm happy that I was able to hit the guys that were open, I know that. That gives me a lot of confidence going into this week."

Boy, were they ever open. On several routes, Welker and Moss waved their hands toward Brady, trying to make sure he noticed them as they slipped behind defensive backs. Welker caught 10 passes, two for touchdowns, and Moss grabbed eight with three scores. The sixth touchdown pass was a 38-yarder to Faulk.

Brady did all that despite a game-long snowstorm, and he spent most of the second half on the bench. He left after the first series of the third quarter and still completed 29 of 34 passes for 380 yards and no interceptions as the Patriots improved to 4-2 with a club-record 619-yard offensive output.

That swayed critics even though the Titans are winless and started two rookies at cornerback. Or maybe Brady just got a late start to his typical October, a month in which he's 11-1 with 3,292 yards passing for 39 touchdowns and just three interceptions since 2006.

But did he reach his own high expectations?

"As a quarterback, you want to play well every week," Brady said. "When you don't hit the passes that are there, or your team loses games, or your team doesn't get into the end zone, it's very frustrating. You've got to find ways to do a better job of that."

"Each week, it seems like the preparation is a little bit better and the execution seems to be a little bit better, too."

That should continue with the Patriots in the midst of a favorable part of their schedule. They play another winless team, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, in London on Sunday. Then they have an open date. A 5-2 record with a week off would be a solid foundation before a tough four-game stretch that includes games at Indianapolis and New Orleans.

Last year, Peyton Manning missed the entire exhibition season when he had a bursa sac



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, right, and wide receiver Wes Welker had plenty to celebrate during last week's 59-0 victory over the Tennessee Titans. Welker made 10 catches and scored two touchdowns.

WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

removed from his left knee. He started slowly and the Colts were 3-4 before winning their last nine regular-season games.

Another positive sign of a Brady turnaround were touchdown passes against Tennessee of 38 and 40 yards, his longest completions of the year.

"When you can hit those plays and change field position like that, as well as being able to run it and have that ball-control offense, that makes it tough," Brady said. "You have to be able to expand the field vertically, and that's something that we didn't do very well in the first five weeks of the season."

Brady picked apart the Titans for an NFL-record five touchdown passes in a quarter, the second, and tied his franchise record of six scoring passes in a game set during the 16-0 season in 2007. The 45-0 halftime lead was the biggest in league history and the 59-point margin was the largest since the 1970 merger.

And there's still room for Brady to get better.

"It was just a game that he had," Faulk said, "and he's just working to improve himself each and every day."

Brady's next chance comes on the other side of the Atlantic, where Tampa Bay coach Raheem Morris must figure out how to stop him.

"Tom Brady is special, arguably one of the best quarterbacks in the league, if not the best," Morris said.

Brady might not be his old self yet, but his outstanding performance on a snow-covered field moved him closer. He can take another step forward at Wembley Stadium, a field built for soccer — flatter, with less grass than football players are used to.

"Every field that we play on is different," Brady said. "It's not too much of a problem."

Nothing really is when the real Tom Brady steps up.



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High school roundup

Guam wins playoff opener, reaps All-Island honors

Stars and Stripes
and special reports

ASAN, Guam — On the day Guam High was accorded a school-record 15 All-Island selections, including eight first-teamers, the Panthers took the first step toward a first island title as the Interscholastic Football League playoffs began Saturday.

Jason Brunson ran for three touchdowns and Aaron Coese tossed three TD passes as Guam overwhelmed Southern 48-6 at Panthers Field. The Panthers next host Father Duenas in the semifinals at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Guam High improved to a school-best 6-1. Despite that record, coaches sounded a cautionary note. "We're trying to keep the players grounded and focused," offensive coordinator Chad Albe said. "We want to take it one day at a time, one game at a time. We don't want the boys looking too far ahead, but just at the next obstacle."

Coese, chosen first-team All-Island quarterback, was 9-for-14 for 144 yards. First-team receiver Devon Jacobs caught three passes for 73 yards and two TDs. Brunson, a first-teamer at running back and punter and second-team defensive utility player, ran 13 times for 83 yards.

That the Panthers earned so many All-Island picks shows, first-year head coach Billy Henry said, that the program wants to "make a statement to the island that we are a contender on the field. It clearly showed in the selections."

Other first-team picks were kicker D.J. Cruz, defensive end Evan Ola, defensive utility player Raul Bryand and cornerback Devon Newbold.

Selected second-team All-Island were: center Duncan Leuen-



GARY CASHMAN/special to Stars and Stripes

The helmet of Daegu's Trey Griffen pops off as he's tackled by Osan's Dominique Williams, bottom, and Travis Neher on Saturday. Osan won 28-26, forcing a third game in the best-of-three series to determine which team will host Zama American on Nov. 7 in the Far East Class A championship game.

berger, tackles Ricardo Granadas and Jacob Bunch, linebackers Bryand and Edward Cruz and safety Rome Tenorio. Brunson was chosen honorable mention offensive MVP and Bryand honorable mention defensive MVP.

South Korea

Osan American 28, Daegu American 26: At Osan Air Base, Jake Mattison threw two touchdown passes and Michael Gilliam ran for two TDs as the Cougars

(2-3, 2-2 league) held off a late rally to hand the Warriors (5-1, 4-1) their first defeat.

Osan evened the teams' best-of-three series to decide the host for the Far East Class A title game on Nov. 7. Game 3 is Friday at 6 p.m. at Camp Walker's Kelly Field.

Gilliam's touchdown runs were for 40 and 70 yards. Mattison was 6-for-7 for 140 yards and TDs of 20 and 25 to Dominique Williams.

Daegu's Antoine Feagin rushed for 44 yards on 11 carries, includ-

ing TDs of 1 and 5 yards. Josh Gosserand added 90 yards on eight carries with a 45-yard TD.

Trey Griffin's 60-yard TD pass to David Martinez with 1:18 left got Daegu within two, but the Warriors missed the two-point conversion, one of two they missed Saturday.

Yokota shines in DODEA Japan cross country

MISAWA, Japan — Yokota's Jimmy Niescier and Kaleka Mo-



BROOKE FOUSEK/special to Stars and Stripes

Yokota senior Jimmy Niescier won the boys race in the DODEA Japan cross country meet Saturday. The Panthers' Kaleka Mobley won the girls race.

bley won the boys and girls races, respectively, in the DODEA Japan cross-country race at Misawa's Citizens' Park.

Niescier was timed in 18 minutes, 18 seconds on the 3.1-mile course, 16 seconds ahead of Kinnick's David Bailey. Mobley finished 1:05 ahead of second-place Ashley Hawkins of host Edgren. Kinnick won the boys overall team title and Yokota the girls.

Falcons spikers capture KAIAC regular-season title

Liz Gleaves (18 spike kills), Destinee' Harrison (7 kills, 11 defensive digs) and Seoul American girls volleyball team (12-1) sealed the Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference regular-season title with one match left. Seoul beat Korea International 25-23, 25-17, 25-17. It is the Falcons' first outright title since 2003.

High school scoreboard

Football

DODEA Korea				
	W	L	Pct.	PF PA
x-Daegu American	4	1	.800	110 76
Osan American	2	2	.500	64 77
Seoul American	1	4	.200	48 69

x-clinched 2009 DODEA Korea Football League title

Saturday's game

Osan 28, Daegu 26
Friday, Oct. 30

Osan at Daegu, 6 p.m.

Guam Playoffs

Quarterfinals

Game 1-Father Duenas 49, Okkodo 13

Friday's games

Game 2-Guam High 48, Southern 6

Game 3-John F. Kennedy 14, Simon Sanchez 12

Semifinals

Game 4-John F. Kennedy at George Washington, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 31

Game 5-Father Duenas at Guam High, 3 p.m.

Japan

Cross country

Saturday's results

DODEA Japan Meet

At Citizens' Park, Misawa

3.1-mile course

Boys team scores

1, Nile C. Kinnick, 22: 2, Yokota, 63; 3, Matthew C. Perry, 74; 4, Robert D. Edgren, 76; 5, E.J. King, incomplete team.

Boys individual results

1, Jimmy Niescier, Yokota, 18 minutes, 18 seconds

2, David Bailey, Kinnick, 18:34

3, Jesse Arnold, Kinnick, 18:51

4, Marcus Boehler, Kinnick, 19:03

5, Devin Lewis, Kinnick, 19:12

6, Cole Miller, Perry, 19:17

7, Michael Faulkner, Yokota, 19:21

8, Richard Dromerhauser, Kinnick, 19:37

9, Marlowe Gonzakez, Kinnick, 19:43

10, Matthew Smith, Kinnick, 19:50

Girls team scores

1, Yokota, 26; 2, Robert D. Edgren, 51; 3, Nile C. Kinnick, 56; 4, E.J. King, 85.

Girls individual results

1, Kaleka Mobley, Yokota, 22 minutes, 4 seconds

2, Ashley Hawkins, Edgren, 23:09

3, Gabrielle Baker, Yokota, 23:25

4, Jordan Schwartz, Edgren, 23:44

5, Megan Cooney, Kinnick, 24:15

6, Kaiten Sult, Yokota, 24:29

7, Genel Abordo, Yokota, 24:43

8, Allisa Turner, E.J. King, 25:02

9, Lexus Perez, Yokota, 25:05

10, Emily Miller, Kinnick, 25:29

Tennis

Saturday's results

At Tokyo

Christian Academy In Japan 4,

American School In Japan 1

Singles

Max Negami, ASIJ, def. Michael Mentzer 5-7, 6-4, 6-2

Miles Peterson, CAJ, def. David Forster 6-1, 6-1

Wataru Ueno, CAJ, def. Ryan Rakocy 6-4, 6-7 (tiebreaker score unavailable), 6-2

Doubles

Christian Hancock and Ken Hirata, CAJ, def. Kenji Bowers and Kei Hatakeyama 6-2, 6-3

Kevin Sakumoto and Yusuke Miyoshi, CAJ, def. Luke Robertson and Boris Gilson 6-2, 6-1

Girls

American School In Japan 5,

Christian Academy In Japan 0

Singles

Kelsey Leon def. Ayu Kitaura-Rachman 7-5, 6-1

Lena Yoneyama def. Haruka Kikuchi 7-5, 6-2

Alana Ono def. Hana Yamanaka 6-3, 1-6, 6-3

Doubles

Saaya Imura and Nicole Cho def. Katie Turner and Marissa Carnahan 6-1, 6-1

Jena Bloomer and Berit Danis def. Sato Inokuchi and Sin Yung Woo 4-6, 6-3, 6-0

South Korea

Tennis

Friday's results

At Camp George

Boys

Daegu American 4, Osan American 1

Singles

Russell Midomaru, Daegu, def. Kee Park 8-0

Ronald Misomaru, Daegu, def. Jong Uk Sin 8-6

Matthew Hwang, Daegu, def. John Bradley 8-0

Doubles

Jae Kim and Alexander Georges, Daegu, by walkover

Alex Kuster and John Flint, Osan, def. Sungwook Hwang and Luke Faivre 8-2

Girls

Osan American 4, Daegu American 1

Singles

Alice Kim, Osan, def. Betty Lee 8-4

Nicky Moon, Osan, by walkover

Isabel Georges, Daegu, def. Hannah Moon 8-0

Doubles

Hanna Lee and Erica Shin, Osan, def. Christina Thompson and Eunice Lee 9-7

So Ri Kim and Kimberly Porter, Osan, def. Hannah Scanlon and Hannah Davis 8-5

Boys volleyball

Friday's summary

At Camp George

Osan American def. Daegu American 25-15, 29-27, 25-20

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Sports briefs

Cops: Prep coach threatened player with pocket knife

The Associated Press

LAKELAND, Fla. — An assistant high school football coach was charged with threatening a player with a pocket knife.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office said Christopher Michael Campbell pointed the knife at one of the Kathleen High School players during practice Wednesday. No one was injured. Campbell, 30, was arrested the next day.

Authorities said the Lakeland man later admitted to the school's athletic director that he took a knife to practice and told players, "Don't try me today."

Campbell was charged with assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill and exhibiting a weapon within 1,000 feet of school property.

Ochocinco fined \$10K for uniform violation

NEW YORK — Bengals receiver Chad Ochocinco was fined \$10,000 by the NFL on Friday for a uniform violation. The Cincinnati wideout was fined for wearing the wrong colored chin strap (black) during the Bengals' loss to Houston last Sunday.

Also fined \$10,000 was Tennessee Titans safety Chris Hope for roughing the passer against New England in a 59-0 loss.

San Diego rookie linebacker Larry English was fined \$7,500 for a horse-collar tackle in the Chargers' loss to Denver on Monday night.

Saints linebacker Jonathan Vilma received a \$10,000 fine for his helmet-to-helmet hit on Giants quarterback Eli Manning.

Earlier in the week, the league suspended Carolina safety Dante Wesley one game for launching himself into defenseless Tampa Bay returner Clifton Smith. Wesley will lose \$36,000 in salary.

Also: Washington Redskins left tackle Chris Samuels said Friday night he will need a couple of months before deciding whether he can play again. The six-time Pro Bowl lineman essentially ruled himself out for the rest of the season as he contemplates retirement because of a serious neck injury.

The NFL said the Cleveland Browns did not violate league policy when rookie running back James Davis was injured during a recent practice. The league reviewed video of the practice session and interviewed Browns players, coaches and team staff. It was determined Davis' season-ending shoulder injury took place in a controlled environment.

Another photo flap for Heat's Beasley

MIAMI — Michael Beasley is

in another photo flap. Seven pictures of the Miami Heat forward asleep on a boat were posted on celebrity Web site TMZ.com, including one with several beer bottles and cans on a nearby table.

The pictures were taken on a team outing this month. Beasley, 20, said Saturday that he does not drink, and the ship's captain released a statement saying the player did not "consume or even touch" alcohol on the trip.

Another compromising photo was posted to Beasley's now-closed Twitter account over the summer, around the time he was a patient at a Houston rehabilitation facility, receiving treatment for substance abuse.

Also:

■ Stu Jackson, the NBA's executive vice president of basketball operations, said recent media reports that the traveling rule had been changed to allow an extra step after the dribble were not true. "We have not changed the traveling rule, nor how we enforce the rule," Jackson said.

■ Antawn Jamison's ailing shoulder will keep him off the court well into the regular season. The Washington Wizards said he likely would miss the first eight to 13 games. The two-time All-Star forward partially dislocated his shoulder trying to block a shot in an exhibition against Cleveland on Oct. 14.

■ The Houston Rockets waived guard Brent Barry, who signed as a free agent with the team before last season and averaged 3.7 points and 1.4 assists in 56 games. Barry, 37, has played 14 seasons in the NBA.

■ Bobby Jackson said he is retiring from the NBA. The 12-year guard, who spent six seasons with Sacramento, made the announcement Friday before the Kings' exhibition against Utah. Jackson averaged 9.7 points a game in his career. He won the league's sixth-man award in 2002-03.

Newman captures pole for Martinsville race

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Ryan Newman would like to finish where he starts when the second half of NASCAR's Chase for the championship gets going Sunday at Martinsville.

Newman earned his 45th career pole Friday and said it's the place to be.

Jeff Gordon qualified second, and teammate and points leader Jimmie Johnson qualified 15th. Gordon said it's a small advantage, but he'll take anything he can get.

Johnson leads Gordon by 90 points in the standings with five races remaining.

Mark Martin also hopes to gain ground after earning the fourth



ALESSANDRO TROVATI/AP

Finland's Tanja Poutiainen tears down the course during the first run of the season's opening ski race at Soelden, Austria, on Saturday. Poutiainen got the giant slalom victory by one one-hundredth of a second.

starting spot in qualifying. Only four of the 12 Chase participants will start ahead of Johnson.

Carolina's Ruutu suspended three games for boarding

NEW YORK — Carolina Hurricanes forward Tuomo Ruutu was suspended three games by the NHL for a boarding of Darcy Tucker that knocked the Colorado Avalanche winger unconscious.

Ruutu was assessed a major penalty and game misconduct for boarding Tucker at 5:26 of the second period of Friday night's game.

Ruutu will lose \$56,067.36 in salary for the suspension, which was announced Saturday. The money goes to the Players' Emergency Assistance Fund.

Tucker was taken off the ice on a backboard. The team said he had a concussion but was alert.

Pavlik says he nearly died from reaction to meds

NEW YORK — Middleweight champion Kelly Pavlik said doctors were concerned he wouldn't survive an allergic reaction to medication used to treat a staph infection.

"I'm not a medical man," said Mike Pavlik, the boxer's father, "but he was really close to the edge that day."

Pavlik told The Associated Press he doesn't remember being admitted to the hospital last month, but that doctors told him "it was pretty serious. It was the worst form of reaction you could have."

Pavlik had been dealing with a staph infection on his left hand since February. He was to defend his titles against Paul Williams on Dec. 5 at Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall, but the fight was called off Wednesday when trainer Jack Loew realized Pavlik could not make a fist with his injured hand.

Dodgers GM: Business as usual despite owners' split

LOS ANGELES — Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti said it's business as usual running the team despite owner Frank McCourt firing his wife as CEO of the club.

Colletti said Friday that he doesn't anticipate cutbacks in resources as he tries to mold the team for the 2010 season.

The Dodgers have the most potential players eligible for free agency with 16, including Manny Ramirez, who must decide if he will exercise his \$20 million option for next season and return.

Colletti met Friday with Frank McCourt, manager Joe Torre, and the coaching and baseball operations staff to discuss the recently concluded season and look to next year.

Frank McCourt fired his estranged wife, Jamie, as CEO, and recently gave Colletti a long-term contract extension as GM.

Also:

■ Former major leaguer Termel Sledge drove in five runs as the Nippon Ham Fighters beat the Rakuten Eagles 9-4 in Game 5 of the Pacific League championship series to advance to the Japan Series. Sledge, who played for Montreal, Washington and San Diego, hit 27 homers and had 88 RBIs for the Fighters this season. The Fighters will face the Yomiuri Giants in the Japan Series starting Oct. 31 at the Sapporo Dome.

Freshman guard Wall practices with Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky freshman guard John Wall practiced with his teammates on Friday, a day after a report that the highly touted guard might not be eligible to play.

Southeastern Conference commissioner Mike Slive told ESPN.com that the NCAA's agents and amateurism group is looking into the eligibility of Wall.

The workout Friday on campus was open to students. Some students attending said coach John Calipari didn't say anything about Wall's eligibility during his remarks to fans. Calipari did tweet about the crowd and his new book.

Reporters weren't allowed to attend the workout. Senior Danny Cotton said it seems as though "the NCAA's always out to get us."

Also:

Finland's Poutiainen wins giant slalom

SOELDEN, Austria — Tanja Poutiainen of Finland won the opening race of the ski season, earning the giant slalom victory on the Rettenbach glacier by just one one-hundredth of a second.

Poutiainen clocked a two-run combined time of 2 minutes, 24.96 seconds Saturday.

Kathrin Zettel of Austria was second, 0.01 behind, and Denise Karbon of Italy was third, 0.32 back.

American Lindsey Vonn finished ninth.

A men's giant slalom is scheduled Sunday.

Former overall World Cup winner Nicole Hosp will miss the rest of the season after crashing and injuring her right knee.

The Austrian team said Hosp was airlifted by helicopter to a hospital in nearby Innsbruck, where she had ligament surgery on her right knee.

Former Oklahoma State star, Englishman share lead

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Rickie Fowler is making his presence felt in a hurry as a professional golfer.

The former Oklahoma State standout, 20, in his second PGA Tour event since turning pro, shared the lead with Englishman Greg Owen halfway through the Frys.com Open on Friday.

Both shot 6-under 64s in the second round in ideal conditions on the Raptor Course at Grayhawk Golf Club to reach 11-under 129. Justin Leonard also shot a 64 and was one behind at 10 under. First-round leader Nick O'Hern (68) and Ryan Moore (65) were 9 under in the third stop of the PGA Tour's Fall Series.

Also:

■ Champions Tour rookies Keith Clearwater and Russ Cochran shot 5-under 66s to share the first-round lead in the AT&T Championship at San Antonio. Tom Kite was a stroke back, along with Ben Crenshaw, Mark O'Meara and Andy Bean.

■ Michael Jonzon of Sweden shot a 6-under 65 to lead the Castello Masters after the third round. Jonzon was at 16-under 197 at Club de Campo del Mediterraneo in Spain for a one-shot edge over Germany's Martin Kaymer (68) and Sergio Garcia of Spain (67), who finished his second round in the morning due to bad light the previous day.

NBA refs agree to two-year deal

League ends lockout, won't have to use replacements

By BRIAN MAHONEY
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The regular referees made the call. They're coming back to work.

The referees union and the NBA agreed on a two-year contract Friday, ending a lockout of more than a month and saving the league from using replacements when the regular season starts.

The officials voted to ratify the deal that was reached earlier this week. No details of the vote were provided, nor were terms of the agreement.

"We are pleased to reach this agreement," NBA commissioner David Stern said in a statement. "The negotiations extended further than either side had hoped, but when our regular season tips off on Tuesday we'll have the best referees in the world officiating our games."

The referees union didn't comment.

The 57 referees were set to begin a three-day training camp Saturday and be ready when the

regular season starts Tuesday night. The league used replacement officials during exhibition play.

The referees' contracts have usually been for five years, but the NBA consented to a two-year deal at the request of the union, which hoped it could renegotiate sooner with the economy hopefully in better shape.

The sides agreed on a salary structure that would give the refs a slight raise in the second year, but they remained apart on proposed changes to the referees' pension and severance packages, as well as a plan to develop younger officials by having them work in NBA games.

The contract between the league and the National Basketball Referees Association expired Sept. 1, and the league announced on Sept. 18 that it was locking out the officials, saying they had rejected its final contract offer.

The NBA decided to go with replacements late last month after the referees rejected a deal the

league said its negotiators had already agreed to.

That raised the possibility of the league starting the season with backup officials for the first time since 1995. But progress was made in a meeting this week at league headquarters that included Stern, who rejoined the talks this week at the request of the referees.

He previously had withdrawn from negotiations after the referees' lead negotiator, Lamell McMorris, criticized the commissioner's behavior.

"It was always our intention to make a deal and our hope. I thought that perhaps the rhetoric had gotten a little bit too heated and it would be better for me to withdraw," Stern said earlier Friday during a conference call.

"But it was requested by the other side that I return and that they were coming in to make a deal and they asked me to be there, and I thought I owed them out of my respect to them to honor that request."

The league used a roster of 62 replacements, mostly from the NBA Development League and WNBA, during the lockout. Stern said the backups "responded very well" and predicted that many would referee NBA games again.

Replacement officials were criticized for calling too many fouls, though the amount decreased later in the exhibition season, which ended Friday night.

"As the preseason went on, they were better," Houston coach Rick Adelman said. "I don't think they were arrogant, or anything like that. They gave the explanations, and they were doing the best they could."

"The first couple (games) were just foul after foul and call after call, and there was no rhythm to the games," Adelman added. "After that, I thought it settled down fairly well. They just called things differently than the normal officials. They're pretty much going by the book."

AP Sports Writer Chris Duncan in Houston contributed to this report.

NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	10	9	1	0	18	36	21
N.Y. Rangers	10	7	3	0	14	37	26
New Jersey	8	5	3	0	10	22	21
Philadelphia	7	4	2	1	9	25	22
N.Y. Islanders	8	1	4	3	5	18	31
Northeast Division							
Buffalo	7	5	1	1	11	23	14
Ottawa	8	5	2	1	11	27	22
Boston	9	4	4	1	9	26	29
Montreal	9	4	5	0	8	22	26
Toronto	7	0	6	1	1	14	32
Southeast Division							
Washington	9	5	2	2	12	34	28
Atlanta	7	4	2	1	9	25	20
Tampa Bay	8	3	3	2	8	22	29
Carolina	9	2	5	2	6	22	31
Florida	8	2	5	1	5	18	30

Western Conference

Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	9	5	3	1	11	31	26
Columbus	8	5	3	0	10	25	24
St. Louis	8	4	3	1	9	23	21
Detroit	8	3	3	2	8	24	28
Nashville	9	3	5	1	7	18	31
Northwest Division							
Colorado	10	7	1	2	16	35	25
Calgary	9	6	2	1	13	36	31
Edmonton	9	6	2	1	13	36	26
Vancouver	9	4	5	0	8	26	27
Minnesota	9	2	7	0	4	19	30
Pacific Division							
Phoenix	8	6	2	0	12	21	12
Los Angeles	10	6	4	0	12	33	33
Dallas	10	4	2	4	12	33	31
San Jose	10	5	4	1	11	34	31
Anaheim	8	3	4	1	7	18	25

3 points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's games

Pittsburgh 3, Florida 2, SO
St. Louis 3, Minnesota 1
Colorado 5, Carolina 4
Saturday's games
Boston at Ottawa
San Jose at Atlanta
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal
Florida at Philadelphia
Toronto at Vancouver
Washington at N.Y. Islanders
New Jersey at Pittsburgh
Buffalo at Tampa Bay
Dallas at St. Louis
Carolina at Minnesota
Nashville at Chicago
Detroit at Colorado
Los Angeles at Phoenix
Edmonton at Calgary
Sunday's games
San Jose at Philadelphia
Columbus at Los Angeles
Edmonton at Vancouver
Monday's games
Phoenix at N.Y. Rangers
N.Y. Islanders at Montreal
Minnesota at Chicago
Toronto at Anaheim

Friday

Penguins 3, Panthers 2 (SO)
Florida 2 0 0 0-2
Pittsburgh 0 0 2 0-3
Pittsburgh won shootout 1-0
First Period—1, Florida, Reinprecht 3 (Stillman, McCabe), 12:39 (pp). 2, Florida, Reinprecht 4 (Horton, Stillman), 15:16.
Third Period—3, Pittsburgh, Crosby 5 (Goligoski, Malkin), 2:14 (pp). 4, Pittsburgh, Crosby 6 (Malkin), 16:41 (sh).
Shootout—Florida 0 (Reinprecht NG, Koistinen NG, Horton NG), Pittsburgh 1 (Letang NG, Crosby G, Guerin NG).
Shots on Goal—Florida 12-10-6-1-29. Pittsburgh 8-14-15-6-43.
Power-play opportunities—Florida 1 of 4; Pittsburgh 1 of 6.
Goalies—Florida, Vokoun 1-5-1 (43 shots-41 saves). Pittsburgh, B.Johnson 1-1-0 (29-27).
A—16,971 (16,940). T—2:45.

Blues 3, Wild 1

Minnesota 0 1 0 0-1
St. Louis 1 1 1 3-3
First Period—1, St. Louis, McClement 2 (Perron, Strachan), :56.
Second Period—2, St. Louis, Perron 1, 5:21 (sh). 3, Minnesota, Kobasew 1 (Belanger, Hnidy), 18:42.
Third Period—4, St. Louis, Boyes 2 (Tkachuk, Kariya), 19:45 (en).
Shots on Goal—Minnesota 4-13-4-21. St. Louis 15-8-3-26.
Power-play opportunities—Minnesota 0 of 2; St. Louis 0 of 5.
Goalies—Minnesota, Backstrom 2-5-0 (25 shots-23 saves). St. Louis, Mason 2-3-1 (21-20).
A—19,150 (19,150). T—2:22.

Avalanche 5, Hurricanes 4

Carolina 2 2 1 1-4
Colorado 2 2 1 5-5
First Period—1, Carolina, Corvo 1 (Jokinen, Ruutu), 3:16 (pp). 2, Carolina, Ruutu 2 (Wallin, Yelle), 5:49. 3, Colorado, O'Reilly 2 (Wolski, Stewart), 16:16. 4, Colorado, Stastny 2 (Wilson), 16:47.
Second Period—5, Colorado, Hejduk 4 (Stastny, Duchene), 10:00 (pp). 6, Colorado, Wolski 5 (Stewart, O'Reilly), 10:40. 7, Carolina, Cullen 3 (Walker, Brind Amour), 16:15.
Third Period—8, Colorado, Stastny 3 (Hejduk, Duchene), 6:21 (pp). 9, Carolina, Whitney 4 (LaRose, Staal), 8:40.
Missed Penalty Shot—Whitney, Car, 3:03 third.
Shots on Goal—Carolina 11-12-13-36. Colorado 11-13-12-36.
Power-play opportunities—Carolina 1 of 2; Colorado 2 of 7.
Goalies—Carolina, C.Ward 2-5-2 (36 shots-31 saves). Colorado, Anderson 7-1-2 (36-32).
A—13,673 (18,007). T—2:28.

NHL roundup

Crosby's shootout goal lifts Penguins

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Sidney Crosby found a lot of ways to score in his 300th career NHL regular-season game.

Crosby had a power-play goal and a short-handed goal in the third period, and had the only goal in a shootout to help the Pittsburgh Penguins win their seventh straight game, 3-2 over the Florida Panthers on Friday night.

"We struggled in the first half, but we were able to rebound," said Crosby, who has 407 career points. "We stuck with things, and that shows a lot."

After erasing a two-goal deficit in the third period, Crosby beat Tomas Vokoun with a nifty deke in the shootout for the Stanley Cup champion Penguins, an NHL-best 9-1-0.

Steven Reinprecht scored twice in the first period for Florida. The Panthers have lost six of seven to drop to 2-5-1.

"The effort's good, but effort doesn't get you two points," Florida defenseman Keith Ballard said. "We were kind of dumb in the third period. We took too many penalties and stayed in our end the whole time... In the third, they pick it up a little bit and it's almost like we just kind of clammed up just trying to hang."

In the shootout, Crosby moved in slowly on Vokoun and made three moves to his forehand before finally tucking it into the net as Vokoun dove to his left.

Crosby improved to 3-for-3 in shootouts this season with his 10th career game-deciding shootout goal.

Brent Johnson stopped the Panthers' Reinprecht, Ville Koistinen and Nathan Horton during the shootout and made 27 saves during regulation and overtime in winning for the first time as a Penguin.

Crosby tied it with 3:19 to play with his short-handed goal, one-timing a feed from Evgeni Malkin with a shot that appeared to deflect off a Florida player. The short-handed goal was the first in the NHL for Crosby.

Avalanche 5, Hurricanes 4: At Denver, after watching injured teammate Darcy Tuck-



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby (87) scores the only shootout goal on Florida goalie Tomas Vokoun during Friday's game in Pittsburgh. Crosby also scored two goals during regulation.

er leave the ice on a backboard, Milan Hejduk and Wojtek Wolski scored in quick succession for Colorado.

Tucker was checked into the boards by Carolina forward Tuomo Ruutu as he tried to play the puck in the Hurricanes' end at 14:34 of the second period.

Tucker's face hit the glass hard and he fell to the ice unconscious. He lay motionless for several minutes as Avalanche doctors and trainers attended to him. The team said Tucker was alert and taken to the hospital for treatment and evaluation.

Ruutu was assessed a major penalty for boarding and a game misconduct, and Hejduk

scored on the subsequent power play. Forty seconds later, Wolski scored his fifth goal.

Paul Stastny scored twice, and Ryan O'Reilly added a goal for Colorado. Ruutu, Joseph Corvo, Ray Whitney and Matt Cullen scored for Carolina.

Blues 3, Wild 1: David Perron had a goal and an assist for his first points of the season after getting shifted to the checking line, helping host St. Louis beat Minnesota.

Jay McClement also scored, and Chris Mason made 20 saves for St. Louis.

Chuck Kobasew scored for Minnesota. The Wild have lost seven straight on the road, four shy of the franchise record.

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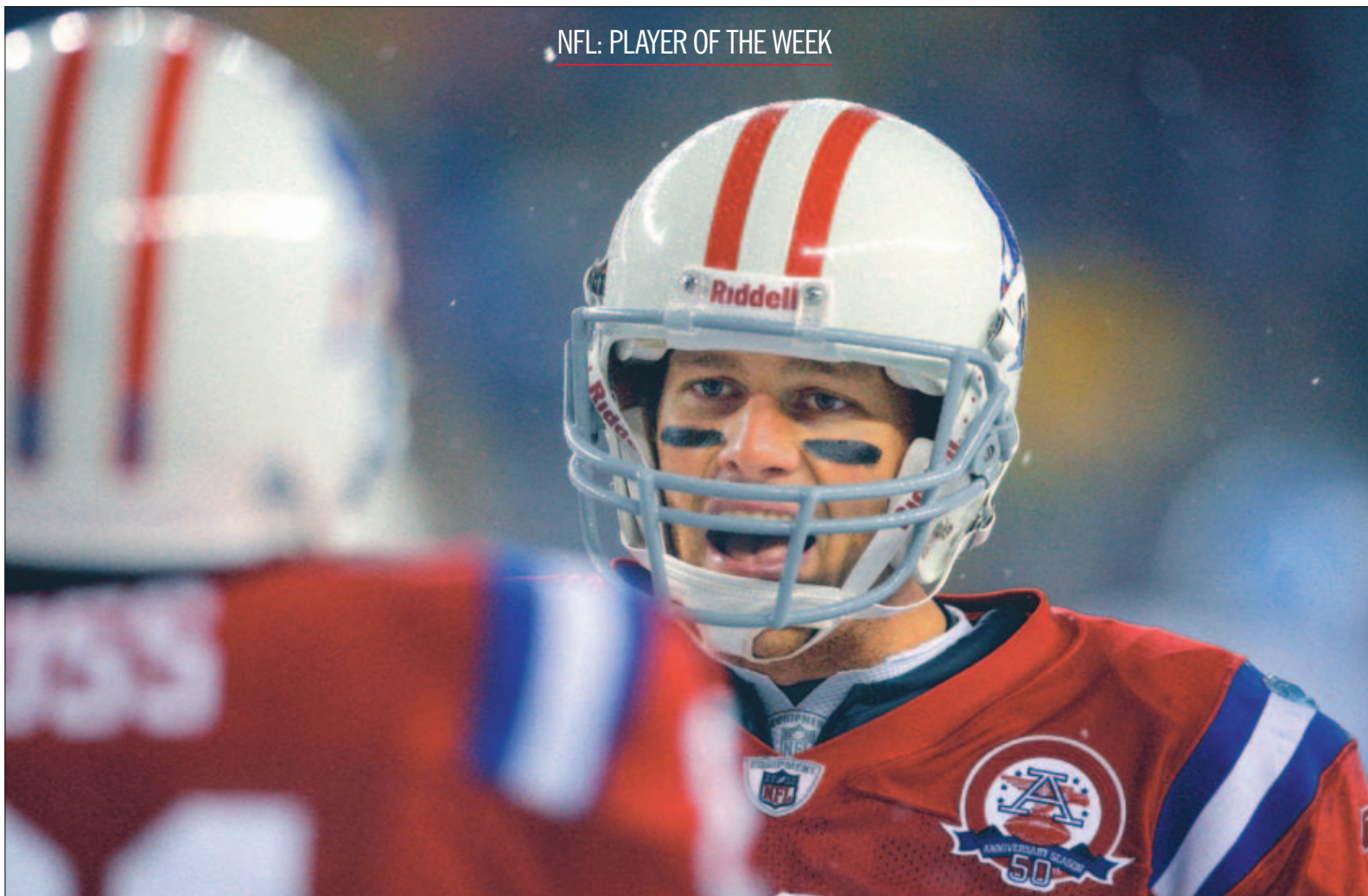
WERTH HIS SALT

Despite laid-back looks, Phillies right fielder a serious slugger

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NFL: PLAYER OF THE WEEK



STEPHAN SAVOIA/AP

New England quarterback Tom Brady suffered a season-ending knee injury in the first quarter of the Patriots' 2008 opener, and struggled at times to readjust to the speed of the NFL upon his return to regular-season play this year. But Brady appears to be on the verge of the form that helped him win three Super Bowls and the league MVP award. Brady was 29-for-34 for 380 yards and six touchdowns in less than three quarters of play as the Patriots defeated the Tennessee Titans 59-0 last Sunday.

BRADY FINDS HIS FOOTING

Pats QB improving after season lost to knee injury

By HOWARD ULMAN
The Associated Press

First five games: 6 TDs, 2 INTs

Last week: 6 TDs, 0 INTs

TOM BRADY grimaced as he lay on the ground and grabbed his injured left knee. His season was over minutes after it began.

Barely a year later, his wide smile was clearly visible in the helmet that he bumped against Wes Welker's to celebrate one of his six touchdown passes in the biggest offensive performance in the

New England Patriots' 50-year history.

Chances are that 59-0 victory over the Tennessee Titans last Sunday was a springboard to more smiles as Brady becomes more comfortable on the field, sidestepping rushers, zipping accurate passes and countering adjustments defenders make at the line of scrimmage.

"It's always important to see your leader play well," said running back

Kevin Faulk, a Patriot for all of Brady's 10 seasons, but "I bet if you ask him right now, he would tell you he's not all the way back."

Brady's 2008 season ended midway through the first quarter of the first game when he suffered torn knee ligaments on a hit by the Kansas City Chiefs' Bernard Pollard. He played in all four exhibition games this year, but Brady could read-

just to high-speed, regular-season action only by facing it.

In the opener against the Buffalo Bills, Brady threw two TD passes in the final 2 minutes, 6 seconds, bringing the Patriots back from a 24-13 deficit to a 25-24 victory that was hailed as another in a long line of his comeback victories. But he led the Pats to just one TD in the first 57:54.

They didn't get any the next Sunday in a 16-9 loss to the New York Jets,

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